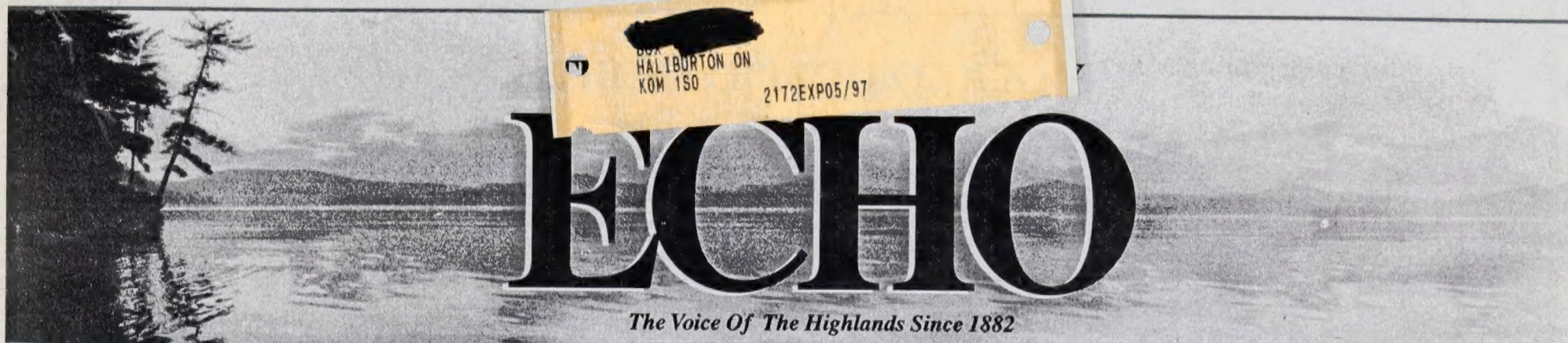




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Bank takes PineStone into receivership

by **PETER DOWNS**
Staff Reporter

For the second time in less than three years, the Highlands' largest resort has been taken into receivership.

The Bank of Montreal, which is owed nearly \$4.2-million by the PineStone Resort and Conference Centre, has appointed a Toronto-based accounting firm to take control of the resort's financial operations and search for a new owner.

In the meantime, the PineStone remains open for business, says general manager Andy Frappier.

The receiver, Doane Raymond Ltd., took control of the financially troubled resort on November 15, reportedly the morning after the consortium that owns it missed a final deadline to pay down its line of credit to the bank.

In the end, the same factors that forced the 20-year-old resort into receivership in March 1993, combined again to seal the PineStone's fate this month, said one of its investors.

"We were undercapitalized from the beginning and never got out from under that," says Donald Crowe, president of PineStone. "Our debt-load was so big that when you're undercapitalized, you can't get out of it. If we'd had double what we went in with, we'd be alright right now."

The resort was doing very well in terms of bookings, Crowe said, but it was weighed down by the huge interest costs and principal repayment obligations of borrowing so much money.

Doane Raymond senior manager Elizabeth Monaco refused to tell *The Echo* how deeply the PineStone is in debt both to secured and unsecured creditors.

"We have a ballpark (figure), I'm just not releasing it to the public right now," she said Wednesday morning.

However, a November 18 letter Monaco sent to unsecured creditors says the PineStone owes a total of \$5.17-million to secured creditors, including roughly \$3.8-million to the Bank of Montreal for a first mortgage, plus an additional \$400,000 on a line of credit.

Fifteen private investors, including several PineStone directors, are owed \$650,000 on second mortgages, according to the letter. The remainder is owed to Crowe, who holds a third mortgage for \$110,000, and a company called New Court Financial Ltd., which is owed slightly more than \$214,000.

As well, the resort is reportedly on the hook to the municipality of Dysart for about \$200,000 in back taxes.

It is unknown how much the PineStone owes to unsecured creditors, such as the local companies who supply the resort a variety of goods and services.

However, it appears likely that any debts that weren't paid by November 15 when the receiver took control of the resort will not be honoured.

"I understand that the receiver froze the bank accounts last Thursday night (November 14)," Crowe said last week. "I presume any cheques after that would bounce."

As the biggest single private creditor, Crowe stands to

See PINESTONE'S page 4



NOTHING ODD ABOUT PLAY'S SUCCESS

The Highlands Little Theatre's production of Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple* (the female version) is one of the funniest and best acted offerings ever staged by the local troupe. Above, Catherine Cox and Debra Dart, as the odd couple in the play's title, talk things over. The play continues Friday and Saturday in Haliburton. FOR MORE PICTURES, see page 22

Ambulance attendants told they must stick to the road

by **PETER DOWNS**
Staff Reporter

The province has abdicated its responsibility to help people injured in snowmobile accidents on remote trails, forcing municipalities to take on the job — and the costs, say county politicians.

"This shouldn't be our problem. This is being downloaded by the province," said Warden Murray Fearrey.

Previously, ambulance attendants in the Highlands were permitted to

ride into difficult access areas on civilians' snowmobiles to stabilize and help evacuate accident victims.

But last year, the Ministry of Health, which is the local ambulance operator, changed its policy. It maintained its responsibilities lay solely in patient care and not in removing injured snowmobilers from the bush, since it doesn't have the proper equipment or training.

In the case of a bad snowmobile accident, the ambulance attendants will go only as far as they can in their vehicle.

That leaves volunteers with the county's municipal fire departments the task of trying to reach the victim, package them for transport and removing them to the ambulance.

Since the fire departments are already performing the work, a group of concerned citizens has asked the county to support its proposal to make sure the firefighters have the proper equipment they need.

The group's proposal would see three snowmobile rescue units, See RESCUE page 4

Santa's planning a longer trip through Haliburton

"Thousands of people" will line Haliburton's main street next Saturday, December 7, for the annual Santa Claus Parade. And this year, the parade route will be expanded, giving people a better opportunity to watch all the beautiful floats.

This year for the first time, the

parade will start at Rotary Beach, go one block up Maple Street to Victoria, along Victoria to Pine, up Pine to the United Church and down the main street to the government docks. Floats are asked to converge at Rotary Beach at 12:30 and the parade begins at 1:30.

After the parade, parents are invit-

ed to take their children to the area beside the Dawson Gray building for photos with Santa, sponsored by Haliburton's Perfect Prints. The cost is \$3.

Meanwhile, Santa will be in Minden this Saturday. The parade starts at 1 p.m. and Santa will visit children afterwards at the fire hall.

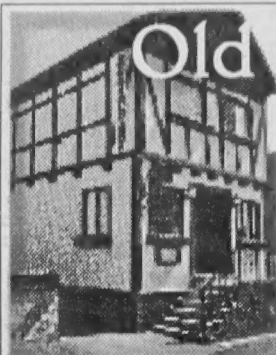
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Talents of local entrepreneurs are beginning to be recognized beyond county borders

Local entrepreneurs, whose talents are well known in the Highlands, are beginning to make a name for themselves outside the county's borders. A cottage sign designed and built by Lindsay and John Beaudry of Ingoldsby graces the front cover of this month's *Cottage Life* magazine cover, along with four other whimsical creations. Then, when you follow the directions and turn to page 34, there's a picture of the Beaudrys and directions on how to make your own sign. As the article mentions, the Beaudrys are the artists behind Avian Contracting, their custom order and retail bird house business, so it's little surprise that their sign is in the shape of a bird house, complete with resident birds.

Also on the business front, we received a press release from Gibson Musical Instruments. For those who love country and western music, or guitar music in general, Gibson is widely accepted as one of the premier guitar makers. Their press release says "Gibson Guitar Corp. is pleased to announce the signing of its first game licensee, Countryfied, Inc. The game board (invented by Paul and Joan Brown of Haliburton) for The Countryfied 'Down Home' Frettin' Trivia Board Game will depict a Gibson J-200 guitar with

the game piece trail around the perimeter of the guitar. As the game progresses, pieces are moved up the guitar's neck and over its frets. It

contrast. Silhouettes on both the hot foreground and dark background convey the excitement of fireworks night." A third prize goes to Don McIntosh of

to 3 p.m.. It's a good opportunity to find out about all the services the CNIB can and does offer. You're invited to drop by for a cup of coffee and a chat with CNIB staff, whose knowledge and expertise can be invaluable to people with sight problems.

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

is a country/western trivia game that will have y'all frettin' while playing on the surface of the guitar. The game is 'educatin', entlightin'... hilarious fun for all ya country fans. From stars to music, TV, movies or hot spots, anything and everything about country." For those who know the Browns, and how much work they've put into the development of the game, it's gratifying to see them being recognized and supported by one of the big names in country music. And as they say, it's just in time for Christmas....

Meanwhile, congratulations are in order for four Highlands cottagers. In the same *Cottage Life* issue as the Beaudrys' sign, the magazine announces the winner's of this year's photography contest, and Haliburton is very strongly represented in the winner's circle. One of the honourable mentions goes to Claudia Kutchukian of Kennisis Lake for her picture of fireworks being set off from a dock. The judges say "technically superb, this shot exhibits amazing

Lake Kashagawigamog for his photo of a heron. The judges say "As if it's not enough to catch a heron on the dock, just poised for flight, Don has also captured an incredible pattern of coloured ripples that reminds us of the exquisite marbled endpapers of an old book." In a general "animal acts" photo spread, there's a photo by Donna Terry of Big Hawk Lake showing a chipmunk lining up at the barbecue for a hot dog bun. Another chipmunk is on the keyboard of John-Francis Doubt's laptop computer. He's a cottager on Glamour Lake. Congratulations to all the winners and keep your cameras nearby for photos for next year's contest.

We know winter must really be here because on Sunday, Sir Sam's Ski Area started making snow. It plans to start the season on December 14, which will make ski enthusiasts' hearts swoosh.

The CNIB is hosting a Vision Services Day at the Haliburton Legion on Tues. Dec 3 from 10 a.m.

If you've got some Canadian Tire money you can spare, and you'd like to help a good cause, the Haliburton branch of the Bank of Montreal invites you to drop the money in a jar at their front counter. The money will purchase gifts that will be distributed to needy local families this Christmas through the 4C's organization. As of last Thursday more than \$300 had been donated, and there's still time to push that amount even higher. The Bank will accept your Canadian Tire money donations until the end of this week, so please help out of you can.

Once again, the Canadian Red Cross is facing a blood shortage. Supplies of Group O Positive blood are extremely low so there will be a special blood donors clinic on Thursday, Nov. 28 from Noon to 7:30 p.m. at the Lindsay Armory. For more information, healthy individuals age 17 to 70 are urged to call 1-800-701-7803 for more information. Donors are reminded to bring valid identification.

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Gravity 101

Ceiling collapses in HHSS science lab, but fortunately, no students were in the room

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Science students at Haliburton's high school received a graphic lesson in gravity Monday morning when they arrived for a physics class to find a large section of the ceiling in their lab room had collapsed and smashed to bits on the floor.

Fortunately, the incident happened some time over the weekend so the lab was empty.

Had the ceiling — made of drywall and a heavy plaster — caved in while class was in session, students almost certainly would've been injured by the big hunks of falling debris.

But the school board won't get off quite as easily. It will probably cost around \$10,000 to completely replace the ceiling in the lab, said business administrator Jim Bradley.

Plus the board is anticipating the need to spend more money on preventative maintenance to ensure the same problem doesn't happen in eight other classrooms with the same type of ceiling.

An architect who visited the school Wednesday told the board there doesn't appear to be any short-term threat of the other ceilings collapsing, said board director Brad Saunders.

However, he did advise them that it would be best to strengthen the ceilings to prevent similar incidents in the long-term.

"We're going to look at whatever remedial action we can take to make sure 100 per cent that it doesn't happen again in the other classrooms," said Bradley.

He said the architect was unable to determine why the large section of ceiling gave way.

The room is part of the original school building constructed in 1952.

The ceiling in that area is made of a gypsum board covered in a very thick and heavy layer of plaster.

"That was the standard type of ceiling they put up at that time," said Bradley.

It's possible the ceiling could've been damaged some time over the past couple of years when new data cabling was installed for the school's computers or when wiring work was carried out for a new fire alarm system, he said.

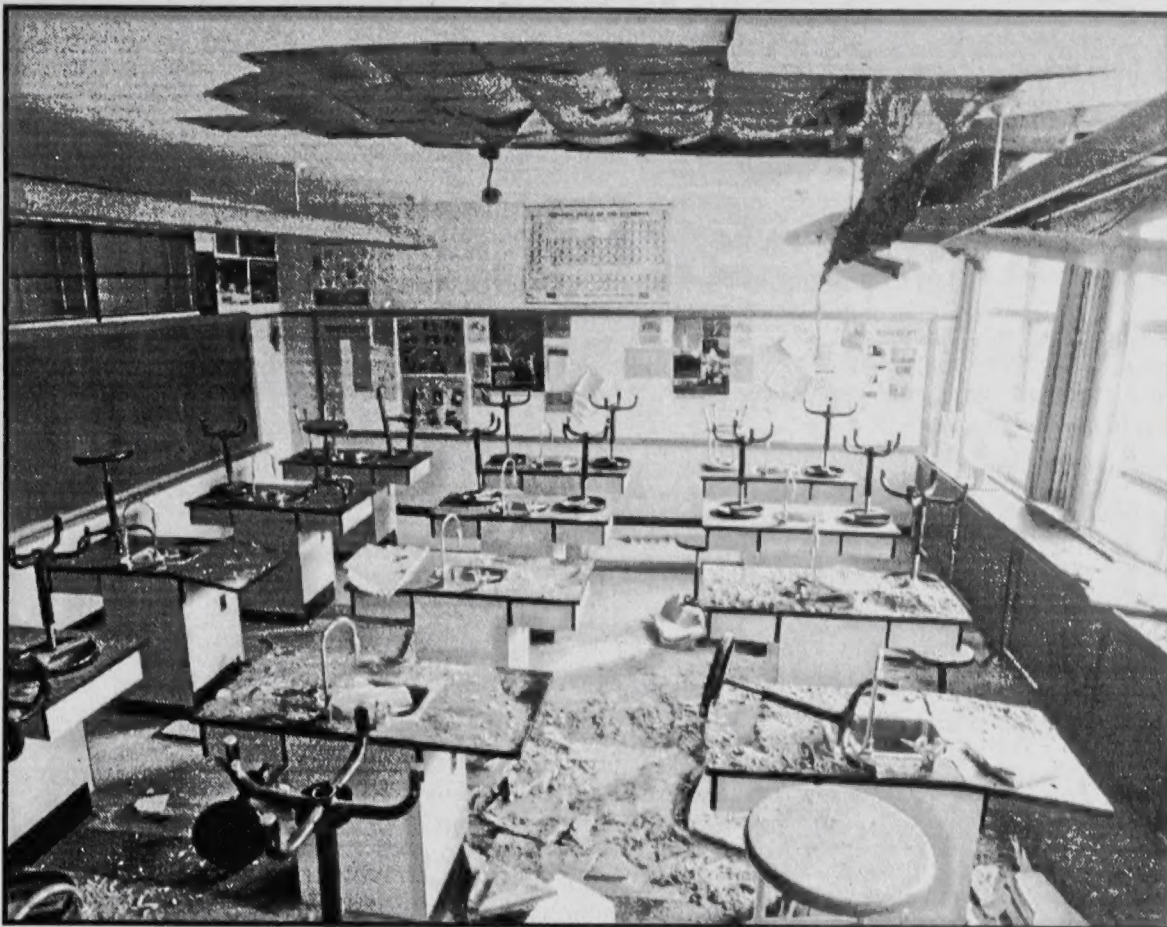
The lab will likely be out of commission until after the Christmas break while the ceiling is repaired, leaving the school with only two lab rooms for all of its science classes.

"It's going to create some difficulties for time-tabling, especially when you're dealing with a school that's tight on space anyway," said Bradley.

But scheduling difficulties don't compare to the problems that could've resulted if the ceiling had fallen down during a school day.

One slab of the material was heavy enough to break the end of one of the lab's desks as it dropped to the floor.

"Somebody would've been injured, depending on how the ceiling came down," said Bradley. "If it came down in one fell swoop, there certainly would've been people hurt."



THANK GOODNESS IT WAS A WEEKEND: As the damage to the desks in the biology lab indicates, students could have been hurt if the ceiling had collapsed during a school day. It's not yet known why the ceiling crashed onto the floor, and precautions are being taken in other rooms.

Can workfare work in the Highlands?

Seasonal nature of jobs makes it difficult to provide required placement time

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The province's plan to make welfare recipients work for their benefit cheques won't work in Highlands in its current form, says the director of the county's social services department.

Morris Honeyman told county councillors last week it would likely be impossible to find lengthy enough employment in the county for most people getting welfare to meet the government's minimum requirements.

Under the province's workfare scheme — also called the Ontario Works program — the agency that ultimately arranges the employment will have to

find at least six months of work for each recipient.

But that could be a difficult mission in Haliburton County where most jobs are seasonal.

"We all know in this county there is no way we can guarantee anyone six months work," Honeyman said.

Instead, the county's social services committee is proposing that workfare in the Highlands include a combination of work when it is available, and nearly three months of training, education and upgrading to meet the six-month requirement.

All social service departments across the province are required to submit business plans to the Ministry of Community and

Social Services, detailing how they will implement workfare.

The social services committee has put together a draft plan for the county and hopes to have it finalized by mid-January.

If the county submits it by March 31, 1997, the province has agreed to cover the transitional costs of moving to the workfare system, plus the costs of developing the business plan.

The Tories want workfare up and running across the province by Jan. 1, 1998.

The county is exploring the possibility of Haliburton and Victoria Counties collaborating on workfare to share some of the costs and spread out the employment base.

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PineStone's problems due to heavy debt load

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lose \$210,000, depending on how much a new buyer is willing to pay for the resort.

"It's pretty well (my) life savings," he said.

After the resort's debts are paid off to the bank, the municipality of Dysart and Hydro, whatever is left over from the sale will go to the remaining secured creditors.

Crowe said he feels the bank moved too quickly to take the PineStone into receivership, ignoring the prospect of a projected economic turnaround.

A financial analyst hired by PineStone concluded it would "break even in 1996 and show a profit next year," said Crowe.

"The Bank of Montreal wants out of the resort business. It's as simple as that. They've told us that," he said.

Crowe said the PineStone missed an October 31 payment on its line of credit from the bank, but was given an exten-

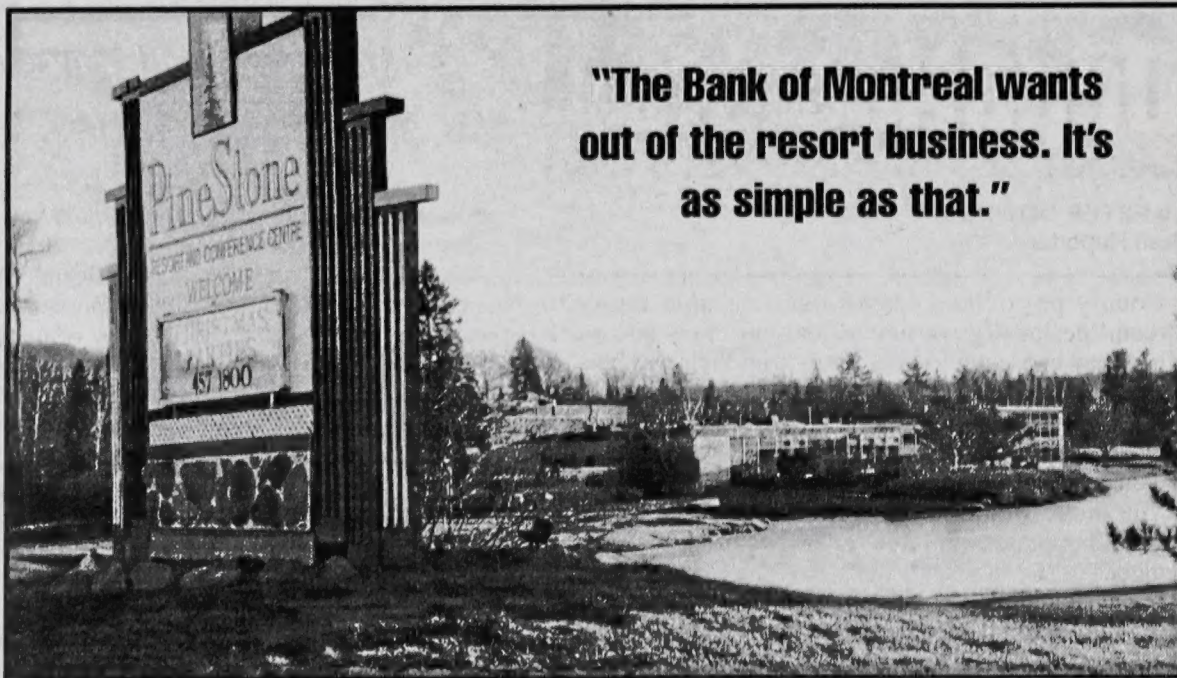
sion until November 14. When it missed that payment also, the receiver took control of the resort's operations the next morning.

Crowe said he's optimistic that a new investor who will solve the resort's financial troubles will be found in the very near future, though he admits, "I have to feel that way."

"We've been meeting with people every day. There's lots of interest ... We were supposed to get a letter of intent from an investor to refinance the resort today," Crowe said last Thursday.

"I think there's a line-up of people waiting for this to go power of sale so they can buy it, but we're hoping we can avoid that. If we can refinance it, everyone gets paid and we can carry on. It'll be a slow process, but at least it would get done."

When the PineStone was taken into receivership in 1993, the former owner, the One-2-One corporation, owed the Bank of Montreal roughly \$6.5-million.



"The Bank of Montreal wants out of the resort business. It's as simple as that."

At the time, one of the shareholders said the resort got itself into financial problems borrowing more and more money to fund a competitive race with other resorts across the province that were investing heavily in expansion, such as Muskoka's Deerhurst Inn, which is also in financial trouble.

While some of the upgrades were necessary, "much of it was an ego trip, and ego trips cost

money," Crowe said.

The resort's huge debt-load eventually overtook its revenues and it became impossible to keep up with the payments.

Two months after the bank stepped in, the locally-based consortium Destination Management, headed by Anne Larcade, whose employment with the PineStone was terminated last April, bought the PineStone for a reported sum of

\$6-million, announcing ambitious plans to turn it into a world-class, year-round facility.

But less than three years later, the same debt-load problems that crushed the previous owners, came back to weigh down the new owners.

General manager Andy Frappier said the resort's current financial problems won't lead to staff layoffs.

Rescue bases may be way of coping with downloading

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including snowmobiles, sleighs and trailers, located at the fire departments of Stanhope, Sherborne and Monmouth.

Group member Kate Reed told county council these three municipalities are "high incident" areas, where firefighters have responded to at least 32 snowmobile-related incidents over the past three years.

The rescue units would respond to calls across the county, not just in those three municipalities.

The group proposes that corporate sponsors pay for the snowmobiles, while fundraising initiatives including property owners' associations and snowmobile clubs cover the costs of the sleighs and trailers. Municipalities would be respon-

sible for insurance for the units, maintenance and training.

But before county politicians consider the plan's merits, they first plan to try to get the Ministry to change its policy.

There should be no difference in response by ambulance attendants between a snowmobile accident on a trail and a car accident on a provincial highway, Fearrey said.

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Deputies stay

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

County politicians passed over an opportunity to streamline local government and cut costs last week when they chose not to voluntarily trim their numbers.

Before opting to leave things as they are, councillors briefly considered a proposal to eliminate all deputy-reeves from the council table beginning after the municipal election in the fall of 1997.

The move would shrink the 17-member council by seven, chopping a minimum of \$6,300 from the county's budget.

Each councillor is paid \$100 for each of the nine annual county council meetings they attend. They are also paid additional fees for attending committee meetings, which vary in number for each councillor.

Currently, the reeve and deputy-reeve of each of the county's 10 municipalities with more than 2,500 voters sit on county council.

The municipalities of Bicroft, Snowdon and Monmouth, which have fewer than 2,500 voters each, are represented by their reeves only.

But county council has the option to reduce its size even further by asking only the reeves from each municipality to the table.

However, councillors may have just one more chance to make that decision as freely as they can now.

A piece of proposed provincial legislation scheduled to receive third reading in January would make it necessary for county governments to receive a majority vote of not only council, but also of each municipal council in the county and the constituents of each municipality to alter representation on council.

That leaves county councillors only one more scheduled meeting — next month's final meeting of the year — to decide whether or not to restructure before it likely becomes more complex.

On Wednesday, Sherborne reeve Ross Rabjohn supported cutting council's numbers.

He argued there are more than enough councillors to handle the county's business, particularly since the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board plans to take over the county's responsibility for running Hyland Crest.

"If the county is going to serve a smaller role, then do we really need 17 representatives?" he said in a later interview.

Snowdon reeve George Simmons maintained cutting council's numbers would be a step towards the restructuring process the county has been wrestling with. "You've got to start somewhere," he said.

County council passes up opportunity to cut costs by cutting deputies' presence at council chambers

But other councillors said it may be too early to make such an important decision.

Anson, Hindon and Minden reeve Jeanne Anthon said the county is about to face some important issues as the province prepares to hand over many of its responsibilities to municipalities.

Dysart deputy-reeve Bill Davis maintained the actual savings of reducing council's numbers could be offset

by increased staff hours and consultants' fees to help council deal with all of the changes on the horizon.

However, if it can be shown that trimming council saves money, then he'd be in favour of it, Davis said.

"I can live with whatever decision (is made) as long as it's done for the county and not for selfish reasons for each other," said Warden Murray Fearrey.

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Ice and water rescue could be costly

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Stanhope's fire department has enough money set aside to buy the essential equipment to perform ice and water rescues, but if it wants to ensure maximum safety it may need to spend roughly double, according to figures provided by an equipment supplier and a neighbouring fire chief.

The cost of completely outfitting a fire department of Stanhope's size for ice and water rescues would ring in somewhere around \$10,000 to \$12,000, says Steve Ferguson, whose Madoc-based company, Class A Fire Rescue, markets the equipment.

However, for between \$5,000 and \$7,000, a fire department could buy the bare necessities to get started, he told The Echo.

Stanhope's fire department has \$6,000 in its budget to spend on ice and water rescue equipment. It has also applied for provincial funding that could give it an additional \$3,800.

In a controversial decision, Stanhope council recently voted 3-2 to give the municipality's firefighters clearance to perform ice and water rescues once they receive training and buy the necessary equipment.

However, council stipulated that the department is not to spend more than the \$6,000 it has in its 1996 budget for ice and water gear.

But that may not be enough money to buy everything needed to provide an "ideal" level of safety for firefighters at rescue scenes on ice and water.

Kevin Morrow is fire chief in the nearby jurisdiction of Muskoka Lakes, which got into ice and water rescues four years ago.

Eight of its nine fire stations

"If you don't have the right training or equipment, it's like walking across highway 401 with earphones and blinders on," says equipment supplier

provide some form of ice and water rescue service — either land-based or from the water and ice — and roughly 30 per cent of its 168 volunteer firefighters are trained in the rescue technique.

Not including the cost of training, Muskoka Lakes spent close to \$11,000 to outfit just one of its stations in Bala with ice and water rescue equipment, according to Morrow's figures.

For that price, the station received four immersion suits, which protect firefighters in the water; four floater jackets; about 1,000 feet of buoyant safety line; and a \$5,000 rescue unit on pontoons which the firefighters can use to reach the accident scene and transport the victim to shore.

While a department can perform ice and water rescues with two firefighters dressed in immersion suits, "ideally" the department should buy four of the suits so two firefighters can standby on shore as back-up,

said both Morrow and Ferguson.

The cost of each immersion suit ranges from \$700 up to \$975.

Other essential items Ferguson recommended include at least two or three pairs of exposure coveralls, priced at about \$350 a pair; floatation jackets for each firefighter involved in the rescue, priced at about \$130 apiece; a pole kit with different attachments to reach victims who have gone under the water, priced at about \$560; and buoyant safety ropes.

An alternative to the pontoon rescue unit used by Muskoka Lakes is the less expensive rescue sled, Ferguson said.

There are two types — one that is best for crossing ice and short patches of water and another best used for crossing long distances of water and short stretches of ice. Both cost between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

It's possible for a fire department to get by with just one of

the sleds, but they would be better prepared to have both, said Ferguson.

"You're going to be looking at \$5,000 to \$7,000 for a fire department to get started (performing ice and water rescue)," said Ferguson. "... To be fully equipped, you're looking at \$10,000 to \$12,000."

However, those estimates may change once new standards for ice and water rescues are set.

Currently, the National Fire Protection Agency is working on the standards, which will dictate the exact kind of training and equipment fire departments will have to obtain to perform the rescue technique.

Aside from the initial outlay of money for equipment and training, the costs of annual maintenance adds up, said Morrow.

"The immersion suits have to be inspected once a year ... You've got to think they won't meet standard after five or six years. If it gets one hole in it,

you can patch it, but how many times can you do that?"

In Stanhope, the greatest debate over whether to go forward with ice and water rescues has centered on the monetary costs.

But in Muskoka Lakes, where the area's lakes and rivers are a playground for thousands of boaters and snowmobilers, just as they are in the Highlands, they decided they couldn't afford not to offer the service.

"We've proven ourselves in the last year that ice and water rescue is essential. We saved one man's life last winter ... Even if you save one life, it's worth it," said Morrow.

When someone in trouble in the water calls desperately for help, it's virtually impossible for firefighters, trained to save lives, to stay on shore, said Ferguson.

"That's why it's important that they have the proper training and equipment. There are a lot of cases out there where people who aren't trained in ice and water rescue get out there and die with the victim," he said. "... If you don't have the right training or equipment, it's like walking across highway 401 with earphones and blinders on ... They're basically committing suicide."

Internet onramps would bring community to info highway

Haliburton County would have five onramps to the information highway under a proposal by the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

The HCDC has applied for close to \$20,000 in funding through a federal program to set up Internet sites in Haliburton, Minden, Gooderham, Carnarvon and West Guilford.

Andy Campbell told county council the money would provide training for up to 100 people, who in turn would agree to volunteer their time to staff the Internet access sites.

"It's almost like a train the trainer (program)," he said.

The federal government's Community Access Program "is trying to move the information

highway out to rural communities and educate people about it by using it," said Brent Court, of Industry Canada.

Campbell said he's unsure whether the HCDC's application will be approved for 1997.

Meanwhile, Campbell said the HCDC is hiring a firm to put together an in-depth data base on the county.

The profile, which will cost roughly \$9,000, will be compiled on CD disks, enabling the HCDC to market the county on the Internet.

Campbell said the development corporation is looking for financial partners to help pay for the data base.

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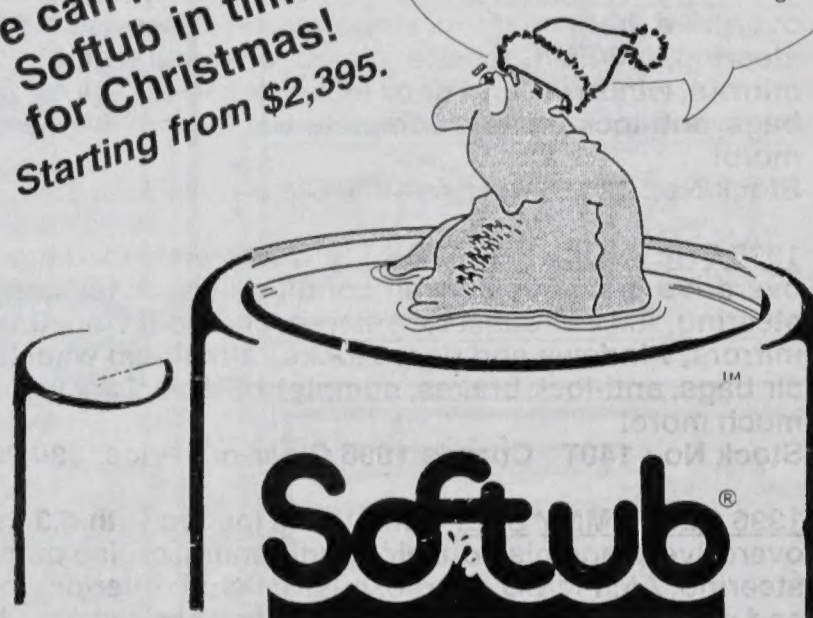
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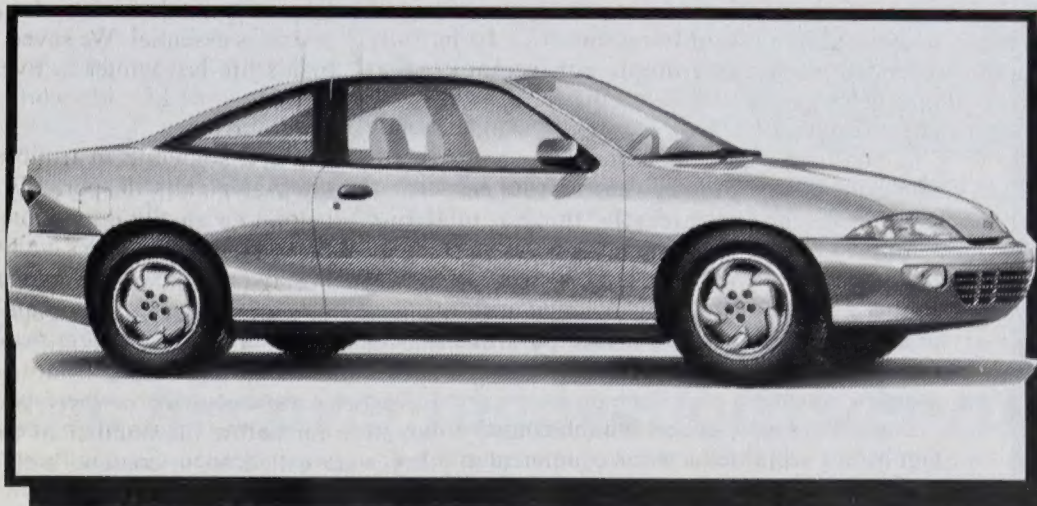


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Consultant wishes there was no reluctance to pay for municipal spending analysis

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's meeting of county council.

A consultant hired to analyze municipal spending patterns in the county is "uncomfortable" with the reluctant welcome he has received from one municipal council, said Warden Murray Fearrey.

Fearrey urged any municipality that doesn't want to take part in the study to opt out of it.

"I don't want it to be said that you're doing it because Murray Fearrey said to do it. That's the wrong reason," he said.

Minden council reluctantly supported a county council proposal to hire Dave Barber's consulting firm to examine each municipality's books in a line-by-line comparison of their spending patterns in search of savings.

Councillors were concerned the consultant hadn't submitted a terms of reference and that he was hired without going through the tendering process.

However, they decided to support the study, and chip in \$2,500 toward its \$15,000 cost, because they didn't want to alienate themselves from the other nine municipalities.

Fearrey defended the decision not to tender the job.

"If you have a consultant in your township, you don't tender it every time. You make a decision and do it," he said. "If we were going to spend \$80,000 or \$100,000 on a study, then we would have tendered it and got a terms of reference."

Fearrey said the consultant is aware Minden dragged its feet into the proposal.

"Barber now feels uncomfortable because he's got one body that doesn't want to do it," he said.

Children's Aid in the red

It looks as though the Haliburton-Kawartha Children's Aid Society will finish the year roughly \$250,000 over-budget, said councillor Keith Tallman.

If that prediction holds true, the county will have to chip in about \$5,000 to help cover the deficit.

The province will pay about 80 percent, or \$200,000, of the over-expenditure, leaving the remaining \$50,000 to be shared by the counties of Haliburton, Victoria and Peterborough, as well as the city of Peterborough.

It's difficult for the Children's Aid to

stick to the budget it sets because of the continually changing needs of the clients, said Tallman.

But it's possible the county could end up being freed of any responsibility to help fund the Children's Aid.

David Crombie's Who Does What? panel has recommended that Children's Aid Societies across Ontario be funded completely by the provincial government, said Tallman.

Roads dep't in the black

The county's roads department should end up with a slight surplus in its 1996 budget, provided the Highlands don't get slammed by many heavy snowfalls over the next few weeks.

Councillor Jim McMahon said all road construction is finished for the year and the budget remains in fairly good shape.

This month the plows and sand trucks have been out only two or three times, which is far below the number of times they were called on to contend with last November's early blast of winter.

"The roads engineer assures me we're going to come in in the black, so we'll just cross our fingers and wait for it," he said.

Maplefest

If Maplefest is to realize its full potential as an attraction to draw huge crowds of visitors into the Highlands in the off season, it needs the help of the county and every municipality.

That was the message Bill Beatty, a maple syrup producer and one of Maplefest's organizers, delivered to councillors.

"It'll only work if we can all get together and really push this," he said of the fledgling event.

Beatty didn't ask for financial help — though he said he wouldn't turn it away, either. Instead, he asked municipalities to donate space that isn't booked so that organizers can stage events, such as puppet shows and magic acts.

Maplefest was initiated last spring by maple syrup producers and artisans as a way to attract visitors during one of the slowest times of the year — early spring.

"We want to get them all in the county spending money," said Beatty.

Fearrey supported the initiative, saying the county's maple syrup production is "one of the dark horses" that is overlooked, but could be an important part of the economy.

New regulations guide activities on Crown land

The Ministry of Natural Resources has new regulations to guide activities on Crown land, rules which it says will protect public safety and the environment.

The new regulations apply to activities such as mineral exploration, the construction of floating or pole-supported docks and logging activities, such as road building, covered under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA).

"People and organizations will be responsible — as they have always been — for their actions," said Natural Resources Minister Chris Hodgson. "The new regulations give companies, agencies and individuals a clear description of their responsibilities when working on Crown or private land. And the regulations also give MNR a clear mandate to enforce."

Hodgson says the changes will cut red tape, eliminate duplication areas such as zoning approvals, reduce the number of permits the ministry previously required,

and in the process save more than \$1-million in unnecessary paperwork and staff time. Before the changes in permitting, MNR processed more than 50,000 individual permits a year. The ministry expects to reduce that number by 80%.

The new regulations replace some work permits MNR used to issue under legislation such as the Public Lands Act and the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act. People conducting activities on Crown or private land are expected to comply with all other federal and provincial legislation such as the Federal Fisheries Act, the CFSA, the Mining Act, the Endangered Species Act and the Planning Act.

MNR encourages people to contact their nearest office where a series of fact sheets on the regulations is available. Staff will work with the public to ensure a clear understanding exists regarding users' responsibilities and MNR's enforcement for ecological sustainability.



A CHRISTMAS TRADITION: Local artisans are once again getting in the festive spirit at the Christmas Show and Sale at the Rails' End Gallery. The one-of-a-kind gifts will be available at the Haliburton gallery until December 21. Don't forget the Singing and Shortbread social on December 14.

County turns to municipalities for loan to cover renovation over-runs

Rather than going to the bank for a debenture, the county is looking to borrow \$150,000 from three municipalities to help pay off recent renovations at its Minden office.

The County had intended to pay \$83,000 a year for the next three years to cover the remaining debt on the roughly \$800,000 expansion work, said

Warden Murray Fearrey.

However, a projected overrun of about \$40,000 in the county's share of the bill for the Haliburton Kawartha Children's Aid, plus lower revenues than projected in its building division, have cut into the county's cash flow.

"We just can't take the \$83,000 out of our revenues

right now," Fearrey said.

Instead, the County is asking any three of Haliburton's 10 municipalities to come forward with loans of \$50,000 at a five per cent rate of interest.

The loans would allow the county to leave its reserves intact while benefiting from the lowest interest rates in decades, Fearrey said.

Health Unit fights to keep health a part of high school studies

Being active and living a healthy lifestyle will soon become a thing of the past for high school students, predicts the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

It has joined the Ontario Physical Education Association and phys ed teachers across the province in their concern that physical and health education could be eliminated as a compulsory subject in high schools as part of a sweeping reforms being proposed by the Ministry of Education.

"These proposed changes could result in students graduating from secondary school without a single credit in Physical and Health Education," said Dr. Hukowich, Medical Officer of Health. "Physical activity has been shown to enhance academic performance, reduce depression, and reduce the incidence of smoking and drug abuse among students."

If anything, he feels that the Ministry should be considering not only preserving the compulsory course for Grade 9, but including the compulsory credit for Grades 10 to 12 as well.

He points to a mountain of evidence that supports the benefits of Physical and Health

Education:

- The largest decrease in participation in physical activity occurs between the ages of 12 and 19.

- In the past 15 years, the prevalence of obesity has increased by 40% in those 12 to 17 years of age.

- 40% of Canadian children have at least one risk factor for heart disease.

- 60% of health risks among young people are related to poor lifestyle.

- "School-based interventions are particularly promising as a cost-effective intervention to increase physical activity".

- Active participation in physical activity in school years is associated with reductions in delinquent and criminal behaviour.

- 71% of Canadians believe that all school children should receive 30 minutes of physical education each day.

He is urging health agencies and parents to become involved by responding to the Ministry's discussion paper. He cautions that time is short. The Ministry's deadline for submissions is November 30.

The Health Unit has prepared suggested comments as a guide.

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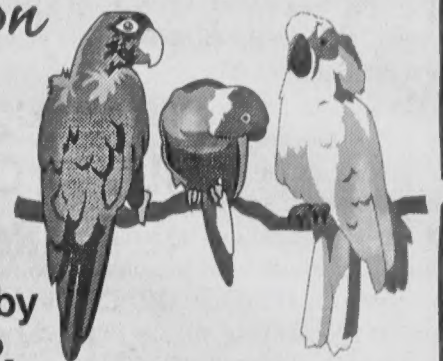
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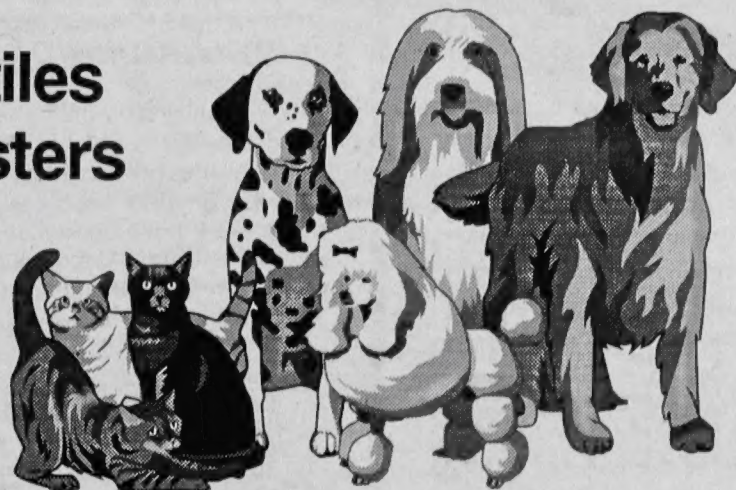
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Editorial

Roller coaster ride

ANXIETY, DISAPPOINTMENT AND A TWINGE of fear rippled through the community last week as word spread that the area's largest resort, and one of the county's largest employers, PineStone Resort and Conference Centre, was once again mired in serious financial difficulties. As of midnight November 14, the Bank of Montreal, which holds a \$3.8 million first mortgage on the property and a \$400,000 line of credit to the operating company, put the resort into receivership after the consortium of investors that owns it failed to meet the bank's demand to pay down the line of credit.

It is not surprising that the bank should move to protect the interests of its shareholders. Banks are not entrepreneurial enterprises. They are cautious, and with small scale investments at least, risk averse. PineStone has had a long history of financial difficulties, and the bank apparently didn't want to be included in any more chapters.

"The Bank wants out of the resort business, it's a simple as that", PineStone president Donald Crowe told The Echo last week.

It is the second time in less than three years that the resort has gone into receivership and faced the looming possibility of bankruptcy. In 1993, the company which founded PineStone, One-2-One Corporation, buckled under the crushing load of a \$6.5 million debt. A group of investors brought together by local business woman Anne Larcade formed a new company, Destination Management to buy the facility with the hope of improving its fortunes. For a time it appeared the strategy would pay off. But like the previous owners, the Destination Management consortium lacked the financial clout to service the debt and ride out the downturn in business that accompanied Ontario's lingering recession.

Ironically, the current management believes the resort was headed for better times. An analyst they hired recently projected PineStone would break even in its current fiscal year and show a profit next year. But the lingering issue of debt service and repayment would have continued to haunt the investor group. Like many small business ventures, "we were undercapitalized from the beginning and never got out from under that", said Crowe, who as the biggest single shareholder in the resort, holds second and third mortgages totalling \$210,000 on the property.

Crowe and the 14 other private investors, whose total exposure is \$650,000, are hoping the bank will not exercise its most severe option of forcing the business into bankruptcy and selling the property through power of sale. In that event, it is unlikely the investors, whose security on the property is in second and third position behind the bank, would recover their funds. And, too, in a bankruptcy, the unsecured creditors — businesses, including many in the local community, which supply goods and services to PineStone — would not collect any outstanding receivables. And while these amounts, which have not yet been revealed by the receiver, will be relatively small compared with the potential losses faced by the bank and the Destination management investors, they will be significant sums for the businesses involved.

If there is anything positive in the present situation, it may be the hope that the bank, or Destinations Management, will find a buyer willing to purchase the business of PineStone, not just its real estate and other fixed assets. In that case, the investors might get their money back in the future, and the new owners might honour previous debts to local suppliers. A new buyer with adequate capital and appropriate expertise in resort management might also be able to bring PineStone the stability it has been lacking for many years. And that would be good news indeed for employees and the community as a whole.

Haliburton County needs PineStone. As the largest resort in the Highlands, it has the potential to market the area widely, and to give large numbers of people their first exposure to the beauty and tranquillity of Haliburton County. PineStone's impact in that regard is hard to quantify but unquestionably large. As a major employer of more than 100 people when it's in full operation, and as a purchaser of local goods and services, PineStone's direct local economic impact is substantial.

Investors, the employees and the community can only watch, wait, and hope that the shadow that hangs over the resort today is replaced by sunnier and more prosperous days ahead. **L.P.**



Head Lake

by Len Pizze

Letters to the Editor

Cutting costs on supply teachers hurts classroom

The following letter was first sent to the Haliburton County Board of Education.

Dear Board Members:

At our recent School Council meeting, the following presentation was made by a parent regarding the use of supply teachers in our school.

In the spring of 1996, the Haliburton Board of Education brought in a major change which directly affected the classroom. This change, to eliminate supply teachers until the third day of teacher's absence, was based solely on saving money with no regard for the children in the classroom.

The elementary teachers federation was able to, in their last negotiations with the board, change the policy so supply teachers would be called in on the second day of a teacher's absence. This improved the situation somewhat but still has a severe negative impact on the classroom as a whole.

As we are all aware, no two students are the same. Some adapt to change readily but others require strict and consistent situations constantly. So let me describe, in short, an average day when a teacher is away. Our children not only see the French teacher and the physical education teacher but they see up to seven different teachers in that day.

This change is very disruptive

to both the student and the teacher. When a teacher covers for another colleague that teacher loses their one free moment in the day. That free moment is usually spent marking, photocopying, setting up classroom activities and sometimes meeting with parents who are unable to meet after hours. What is beginning to happen is that many teachers are not taking a day off when they don't feel well. They are coming to school sick and infecting not only their colleagues but our children. They feel they can't stay off because of the burden they place on their fellow teachers. This situation also could develop into one of animosity because of someone who takes more time off than the rest of the staff. This obviously can be very detrimental for our children.

Some situations for a teacher being absent are exceptional and require unique solutions. As in the case of a professional who has a known illness that may require short recovery time off. Or where there is a death of a close family member. It is very clear to me that these situations should be handled differently from the common flu or cold. Administration is usually notified with enough advanced warning that a supply can be called immediately, thus lowering the negative impact on the class. Once the control of a class is lost it is usually very difficult to regain.

This council, I believe, needs to be at the top of the communication line. You need to let parents know the facts that are affecting our children. We need to let parents know why Johnny is coming home "bouncing off the wall" some days. Parents want to help soothe their children's day but are completely unprepared without this information. To a child with Attention Deficit Disorder this situation is fun and may not see the need to explain that they were completely uncontrolled all day. To a teacher who is standing in for the colleague this child is a complete pain in the neck and the only way to deal with him/her is to send them out of the room. If parents had knowledge of this information they could help prepare their children for the unexpected situation of their teacher being ill. When parents know and understand why disciplinary action has been taken because their child didn't handle supply teacher(s) well, they can at least feel they tried to prepare their child for the situation. No one teacher or student or parent likes to feel unprepared.

We believe that the policy of hiring supply teachers needs to be reexamined as this type of budget cut directly affects children in the classroom.

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'Culture' guides quality of life

"Arts and culture add quality to life" was the idea that I mulled over in my last column. Even that examination implied that art was top-dressing for the essentials in life.

ART AND ME

Marion J. Hare

I do not believe that. The arts and humanities, i.e. what we label "culture", I believe are an essential ingredient in order to experience a fully human life. But then, I'm a humanist.

So I was surprised to learn that studies in the arts and humanities are considered to be essential facets of optimal military training. During an interview on CBC's Morningside, the interviewee noted that this has been true throughout history for the training of any great officer corps. Eliminating these studies and concentrating solely on military studies in the German army during the 1930s and '40s is considered to be a primary cause of the indiscriminate looting and destruction of museums, cathedrals and other artifacts precious to the conquered peoples' culture.

When one thinks about this it stands to reason. That which we do not understand we tend not to appreciate. And that certainly provides one more reason why the arts and humanities should be considered as core courses in any educational scheme.

But to assert, as I do, that the arts and humanities are essential to our lives needs more proof than that of adding "quality to life" or providing a balanced training for our military officer corps.

Any place that I have lived, I have found many people who have at best been casually introduced to the so-called world of culture. Most seem to live satisfactory lives. One cannot claim that the arts and humanities are essential ingredients in their world.

From my perspective, of course, I have thought that others more steeped in culture live richer lives but I must acknowledge that that is from my very personal, somewhat biased outlook.

Yet I know that from the earliest records of civilizations, esthetic endeavors, recording of activities, and personal decoration is as evident as the efforts to provide food and shelter. Evidence of music and drama also go back into pre-history. These simple activities, although light years away from studies of the humanities, suggests that this aesthetic sense is a characteristic that separates the human world from that of the animals.

I have not yet completely resolved this conundrum - that some people seem to live satisfactory lives without embracing the so-called cultural studies, yet through history humans have gone to extraordinary lengths to create and preserve a cultural dimension.

Could it be that on one hand I am looking at individual people and on the other I am looking at social groupings as all encompassing as entire civilizations? Could it be that individuals, having the right to choose, can choose to aschew cultural concerns with no noticeable reduction in their quality of life but that the larger entity, the social group, the state, the country, the civilization does so at its peril? For to ignore that aspect of our existence is to foster brutality and inhumanity. I continue to ponder.

Statistics don't give whole story on education quality

To the Editor:

Today, educators have been given another reason to question the actions of the Tory government. In the news, we have just heard that Canadian students achieved just above average in international math and science tests. I know that this concerns some people and that is fair, however, I encourage you to remember that mere statistics do not tell the whole story. That aside, the disturbing news is that amongst Canadian students, Ontario students did not fare well. This is the more important issue which educators are agreeing must be addressed. I am sure that in consultation with educators and government, changes could be implemented to address this shortfall. However, without consultation, the Education Quality & Accountability Office (EQAO), recently established by the Tory government, has stated in the media that their solution is to ensure that every new applicant to Faculties of Education have university math and science courses. Will this help a Grade two teacher

explain addition with regrouping? The answer is no! But more emphasis on these subjects in our faculty of education will. I also ask what this says about English, history, music, art and all the other important subjects that make a well rounded person? We should not measure a student's achievement or ability to "make it in the world" by math marks!

The businesses supporting the Tory government are screaming for better results in math and science. We don't hear mention of encouraging our young people to protect and improve the environment, to become good leaders or speakers, to bring beauty to a troubled world through art or music or to work with their hands in fields where they help their neighbours and communities. Our communities need people with varying talents, skills, visions and academic backgrounds.

I cannot agree with the direction that the EQAO office, the Secondary Reform papers or the Harris government are leading us.

Christine Lynd, President
Haliburton Women Teachers



Pic of the Past

Many of the faces in this week's Pic of the Past, showing the Madrigal Choir of 1995, will be familiar to residents of the Highlands. Choir members included, back row, from left: Bill Lister, Bob Dawson, Bill Gliddon, John Sedgewick, Gary Cooper, Earl Cooper, Jack Hill and Bert Allen. Middle row, from left: Evelyn

Litt, Betty Sedgewick, Mildred Sproat, Aileen Robertson, Gena Armitage, Gloria Neimi and Flossie Burk. Front row, from left: Kathleen Owens, Eleanor Cooper, Betty Harrison, Margaret Harrison, Shirley Hill and Pat Burk. Margaret Finney was director. Our thanks to Shirley Hill for providing the photo.

Colder is definitely better

JIM HUNKERED DOWN into his jacket, holding the tips of the collar under his chin. Darn it was cold. And so soon. The cat was at the door, anxious to get back inside as Jim pushed his way in, arms loaded with firewood. The wood smoke smelled good when it hit his nose; as comfortable and familiar as the old rollaway bed in his grandmother's farm kitchen.

One good thing about the cold weather - the wood split more easily. Absently rubbing the cat's ear, Jim settled down by the woodstove to look over last Saturday's paper. Although he did not work as much once November came around, he still found it hard to find time to read the ridiculously thick newspaper in one sitting. So he spread it out over the week, enjoying a column here, a feature there and the classifieds all around.

But tonight he could not stay with the reading. His mind was awash with thoughts connected to the coming winter. Thinking back over the day, he realized it was the main topic of conversation with everyone he bumped into when he was in town. The funny thing was, once they all got past the shivering complaint about the falling temperature, most people had positive things to say about the coming winter.

Doris at the Municipal office noted that if the weather stayed



DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch

cold and no more snow arrived for a while, it would make for great skating. She then described one winter this happened and she was skating on her lake at Christmas, happy as a clam.

Several folks were overheard in the coffee shop to mention the beauty of the snowy tree boughs and cheerful, blue-skied day.

Of course the hunters appreciated the bit of snow because they could track more easily. Jim was not too enthused by this prospect, but winter meant the deer would be coming down from Algonquin Park to feed and, he had heard, also get away from some of the wolves. He knew he would see them on the road, sometimes in broad daylight and he had surprised more than one in the winter helping itself to the bird feeder.

Feeding the chickadees, blue jays and whatever else paid him a visit was another winter pleasure for Jim. He did not bother with the feeders in the summer but in the winter had two as well as his own concoction of fat and sunflower seeds he made up in frozen cubes. Part of the fun was watching his cat watching the birds through the window.

Jim also liked the more solitary

life he enjoyed in the off season. Oh it was great to be busy, running from job to job and wondering how he was going to get it all done while city people were still around. The work pretty well carried him through the winter if he didn't try to live too fancy. But it sure was nice to step out onto his porch and hear nothing but the wind and the odd jay. It felt good somehow to look around and see only the empty dirt road and his cat waiting to come in.

Most times when the phone rang it was Harry asking to borrow tobacco or one of his cousins inviting him over to play euchre. The country felt like it belonged to him again, come winter. He knew pretty well every face he saw in town and every vehicle on the roads.

Jim thought of other places he might live out his winters and shuddered. Toronto was as damp and raw as a mausoleum whenever he had to be there in wintertime and in Muskoka, all the people seemed to do was dig themselves out from snow.

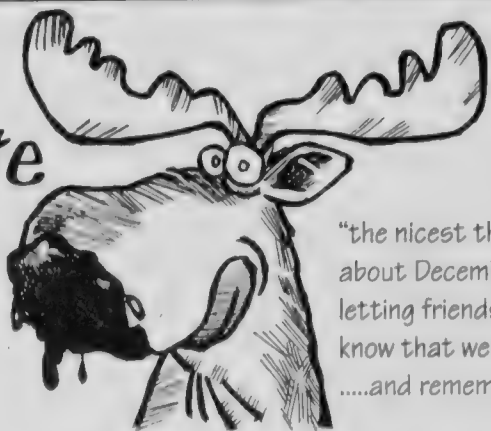
As he stretched his legs out toward the heat, the cat now on his lap, Jim thought he would rather worry about getting warm than getting cool. It was easier for him and it felt more natural. There were no bugs in the winter either. Fishing seemed better and he had the time to do it. Yes indeed, colder was definitely better.

Boonieville

by Charlie Telfeur



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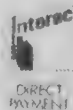
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OMHA Bantams produce best hockey of season

by BRIAN MULHOLLAND

In a stretch of seven days the Bantam Huskies played four games, collecting two wins and a tie for their efforts. This mini-segment of the schedule was without a doubt the best hockey the Husky players have produced, collectively. The missing pieces of the puzzle were gathered in the Husky game, as the first evidence of team play came to the forefront with a united effort and an intense desire to compete from the initial buzzer to the last.

The first game produced a 10 to 3 thrashing of the visiting Port Perry Predators. The offence in this contest was spread through the line-up as Blayne Saunders collected a pair with singles going to Cochrane, Glendinning, Forgrave, Pugh, Morissette, Moynes, Hebert and Reid. This game produced the greatest offensive showing of the season.

Following the victory against Port Perry, the Huskies travelled to Ennismore the next evening for an exhibition tilt against the Trent Valley Bantams. The Huskies entered this contest somewhat short-handed as only ten skaters made the trip. However, the Huskies played as intense as imaginable Zealous play eventually spelled an early exit for forward Mike Morissette, who left the game in the second period after throwing himself in front of a point shot, injuring his left foot.

Inspired by this teammate's effort the remainder of the Husky team dug deep - producing a 3 to 3 tie. Honourable mention goes to the outstanding defensive play of Dart, Koz and Reid and to a gritty forward trio comprised of Cochrane, Hebert and Moynes.

The third game of this report was played the next evening in Omeme. Once again the Huskies challenged with a short bench, as four regulars were on the sidelines serving suspensions from previous games. The team called up OMHA PeeWee player Ryan Wood. The Husky players were able to stay with the opposition for the first period as the game remained scoreless after one period. However, the Huskies began to tire in the second frame, resulting in three straight goals by the opposition.

Somewhat rejuvenated by the break between the second and third period, the Huskies scored once on the power play - courtesy of call-up Ryan Wood, and again on a tally by Matt Reid. This was as close as the Husky team would get dropping a closely contested 4 to 2 decision.

Rounding out the seven-day schedule was a road excursion to Oakwood - to do battle with the Mariposa Lightning. Forgrave and Cochrane staked their team to a first period lead of 2 to 1. Both teams answered in the second period as Morissette deposited a rebound behind the Lightning goalie while out of position from the initial save.

Chris Moynes, on fire during this stretch, staked the Husky team to a two-goal lead on a feed from winger Nick Cochrane. This was all the Huskies needed, winning by a four to three score. As was the case for most of this week, the Husky team put together, energetic team play, strong defensive support and steady goaltending.

Next action will be a return engagement Sunday evening in Omeme, Nov. 24 at 8:30 p.m.



A TOUGH TEST: Haliburton's 2nd Entry Atoms had their hands full when they met Minden's OMHA Atoms in an exhibition game at the Dysart arena on Saturday. The visitors ran the score to double digits, while the Haliburton squad netted one goal.

Husky Tykes lose one, win two on busy weekend

Husky Major Tyke Talk
by Vince and Chris Duchene

What a weekend! Three games in two days had the Husky Major Tykes wiped by Sunday at dinner time. All in all it was a good weekend. They lost their first game, which was good in a sense to re-focus the boys, and then won two.

On Saturday night the Huskies played the Bracebridge Bears select team. Although the boys came up on the short end of the stick in a 10 - 7 loss, a lot of good came out of that game. They were down 5 - 0 after the first period but came back and scored seven times over the next two periods which showed what our

boys are made of. There were some very strong individual efforts, most notably from Ryan Scheffee, Devin Hunter and Tyler Watson. Kenton Winn came up huge in the last half of the game. The rematch is this Sunday.

The next game, Sunday morning against Minden, was much easier. Dallyn Smith played his first ever game between the pipes and was outstanding, stopping several breakaways. In the end our boys knocked off the Monarchs 9 - 1. Cody Hodgson, Kyle Evans, Tyler Watson, Matthew Duchene and Devin Hunter accounted for the goals with Curtis Barker, Mitchell Vasey and Ian Sachs providing assists. Stellar defensive play was the difference in this game. Minden never had an opportunity to really attack our goal. Good job boys.

The third and final game was a good contest against Ennismore. In this game the Huskies had an incredible all 'round effort. Kyle Evans stood on his head in net

and earned the right to face Bracebridge this Sunday. He stopped many breakaways that kept us nicely ahead throughout the game and had lots of help from his defensemen Devin Hunter, Ryan Scheffee, Kenton Winn and Ian Sachs. Cody Hodgson (2G, 1A) opened the scoring early in the first period with assists going to Tyler Watson (1G, 3A) and Curtis Barker (1A). Mitchell Vasey (1G) was doing his "Rocket" imitation again crashing the net hard and burying the puck deep into the back of the goal. Max Amridge (1G) also came up huge in this game. The final in this game ended up 6 - 1. Ian Sachs (1A) had another strong game as well as Matthew Duchene (1G, 2A), Dallyn Smith (2A) and Kenton Winn (1A).

Come on out and watch these boys progress. We'll guarantee you they will be a major source of competition now and in the future and will provide some excellent entertainment.

Mariposa problem? Not for Minor Tykes

In the first of two games again Mariposa last week the Huskies continued their unbeaten ways.

Opening the scoring 30 seconds after the opening face-off was James Roberts with the first of four he would post in what would soon become a rout. Chase Thurston scored two beauties and the Huskies came out of the first up 3 - Zip. The second was more of the same with Mac Trueman getting the first of his two and Jesse Woodward adding a single. Luke Mayhew was superb between the pipes. By the time it was all over the final score was 10 - 1 Huskies.

Game two was more of the same for these entertaining young men with Robert Lowes putting the Huskies ahead early with two quick goals, David Pereko knocked in a beauty while Chase Thurston scored a couple of dandies and James Roberts added five for good measure. Adding assists were Lane Schmid, Carson Metcalf and David Markowski. Manning the net was Zack Prenger who made a number of great stops that helped lead the team to a 10 - 1 victory that extended their season-long unbeaten streak.



It's a
'Mitey' fine game...

The rink, and the net, are pretty big places when you're four or five years old, as these Haliburton and Minden Mites found out on Saturday when they faced off at the Dysart arena.

At this stage of the game, the score is less important than the fun, so we won't mention who won.

Novice B's add to outstanding win record

by DAN MACMILLAN

On November 22, the Novice B Huskies played host to the Wilberforce Rockets for third time in less than a week. Haliburton had come away with two slim, two goal previous wins. The Rockets jumped out to an early 1 to 0 lead but Clayton Hodgson tied it up on a set-up from Josh Mayhew. Clayton then gave the Huskies the lead on a feed from Jeff Burk.

Early in the third Wilberforce tied it up again. With less than three minutes to go the Huskies' James Jowett fed Clayton to give him the natural hat trick and a 3 to 2 lead for Haliburton. The Rockets tied it up with only two minutes to go and managed to hang on for the tie.

Adam Trueman was fantastic in net, rock steady as usual. Ryan Bottum, Connor MacMillan, Jenny Perrott and Greg Nimigon played absolutely stingy defense. Taking a page from Dylan Metcalfe, Jamie Timbers, and Benton Brown showed that they are ready to skate and grind it out at this level. Kevin Croft played his usual unselfish, put the team first, brand of hockey.

On Saturday, the 23rd, the Huskies host-

ed the Beaverton Blades for the first time. Being short a couple of players, coach Greg Metcalfe inserted Connor MacMillan and Clayton Hodgson at centre and moved Kevin Croft and Dylan Metcalfe back to help shore up the defense. This paid off early when 34 seconds into the game Kevin took a pass from Clayton and scored. Midway through the second period Clayton scored from Kevin and James Jowett. Late in the second Clayton scored again, this time from Jeff Burk and James. Early in the third Clayton snagged his second natural hat trick in two days on a goal made possible by Jeff and Ryan Bottum. Dylan iced the 5 to 0 Huskies win when he scored from Connor and Josh Mayhew.

Adam Trueman was phenomenal in net earning his amazing seventh shutout of the season and Jenny Perrott was excellent on defense, as usual. Jamie Timbers and James Jowett showed that they are fitting in nicely since being moved up from Minor Tyke.

This makes the Novice B Huskies' record this season, an outstanding 12 wins, one loss and a tie. Just a great effort and something to be very proud of.

Novice A's make final of Haliburton tourney

by ANDREA DONALDSON

On November 16 the Novice A Huskies hosted a tournament

First game was against Gravenhurst with the Huskies winning 12 - 1. Jesse Johnson scored three goals, two assists; Jono Sharpley, two goals, two assists; Justin Abbs, one goal; Aaron Donaldson, two goals, four assists; Kevin Bowman, one goal; Calvin Roswell, two goals; Adam Sisson, one goal, two assists; Tim Pettit, one assist; Josh Fick, one assist.

The Huskies' next game against Ennismore was a nail biting, close game. First goal was scored by Josh Fick assisted by Jono Sharpley. Ennismore then tied the game. Aaron Donaldson broke the tie with a heads-up pass from Jesse Johnson. Period three, Calvin Roswell scored assisted by Kevin Bowman and Adam Sisson. The fourth goal by Tim Pettit was assisted by Jesse Johnson. Final score: Huskies 4 - Ennismore 1. Excellent game boys. Keep up that passing.

This put the Huskies in the A finals facing off with an excellent club, East Gwillimbury. The game was close with goals scored by Jono Sharpley assisted by Jesse Johnson; and Jesse assisted by Jono and Aaron. This was a tough team and the boys played very hard. Final score: East Gwillimbury 5, Huskies 2. The Huskies

were the As finalist. Excellent tournament, Huskies.

Raffle winners - Loonie stick: Adam Sisson; 50/50 winner: Dan Mulligan, Bracebridge, \$106.50, who graciously donated the money back to a player who can't afford to play. Thanks - that was very generous.

Thank you to the referees, arena staff, snack bar staff, Bill Hartin and all parents for their donations and help. Special thanks to Douglas Roswell for selling tickets, our little helper Alyssa Abbs for her help in the kitchen, also Halco Electronics and Brian Hunt.

That Sunday the boys travelled to Beaverton with another edge of your seat game, the Huskies winning 4 - 3.

On November 29, the Huskies played Fenelon Falls at home, winning 5 - 0. Goals were scored by Adam Sisson, assisted by Josh Fick; Jesse Johnson unassisted; Calvin Roswell unassisted; Adam assisted by Jesse and Matthew Tripp; Aaron Donaldson assisted by Kevin Bowman and Adam. Great game fellas.

On Sunday, they played Mariposa. Goals were scored by Jesse assisted by Aaron (twice); and Tim Pettit assisted by Kevin and Justin Abbs. Thanks to Dillon Metcalfe for helping us out. Good job Dillon. Final score was Mariposa 4, Huskies 3.

Atoms tie Port Perry club

by BRYAN BROWN

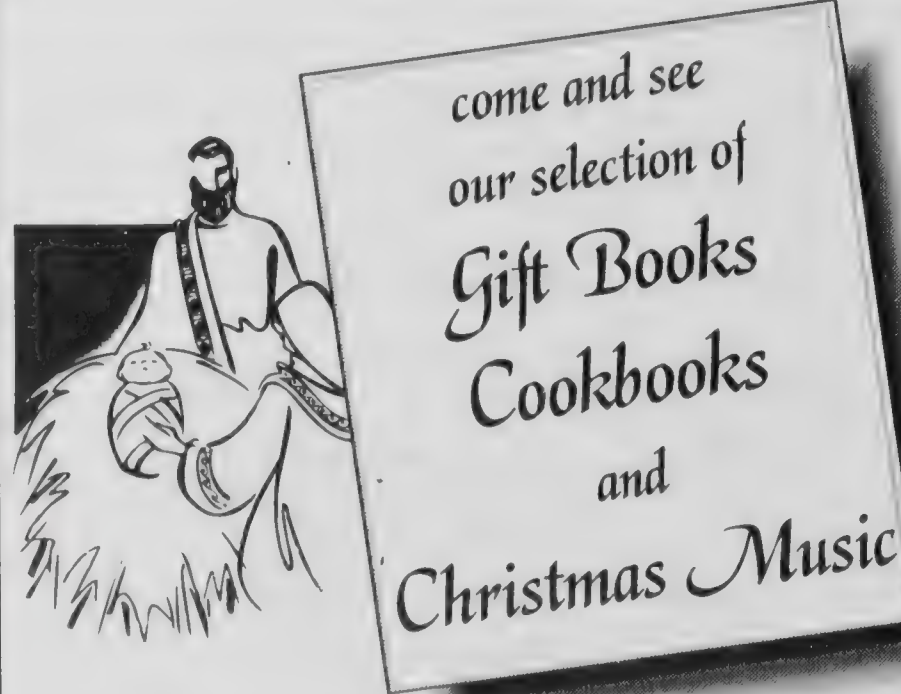
During the last week the Atom OMHA Huskies sandwiched a 2 - 2 tie between two tough losses to the undefeated and first place Millbrook.

In a home and home series on November 15 and 20, the Huskies found Millbrook simply too much to handle losing 6 - 1 and 6 - 0 in a pair of very physical games. Scoring for Haliburton in the first game was Ross Gerry, whose long wrist shot from just inside the blue line caught the far corner. Joel Cooper assisted this shorthanded marker. Goaltenders Jeremy Moynes and Alex Frybort were both strong performers in each game.

On November 19, however, the Huskies hosted Port Perry and deserved much better than the 2 - 2 tie they got. Brandon

Bowman opened the scoring at 7:47 of the opening period, converting Joel Cooper's rebound. The score remained that way until 13:57 of the second period when the Huskies went up by two when Joel Cooper found the far corner form in close after being set free by Adam Hutson. Until then the Huskies had been continually frustrated by good goaltending and bad breaks. Then with only 26 seconds remaining in the period Port Perry cut the Haliburton lead in half.

Once again in the third period the Huskies dominated the play, but in the end it was Port Perry who would score the game's final goal at 11:04. The Huskies who had more than 40 shots on net this game will have a second chance when they travel to Port Perry in the upcoming week.



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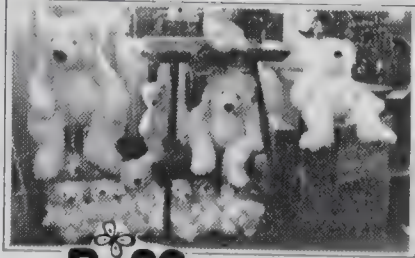
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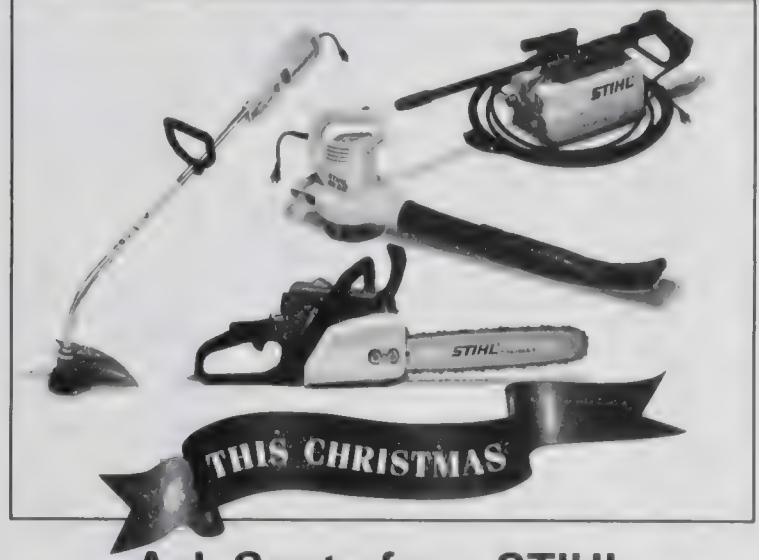
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Rockets tie Monarchs, Huskies

by SUE CLARKSON
Wilberforce Minor Hockey

Two Atom B exhibition games were played recently. The first with Minden ended in a 5 - 5 tie. This was Darren Mandefel's first game with Wilberforce and he netted a hat trick for his efforts. Mitchell Clarkson scored one and assisted on another, Brandon Logan popped in a goal and Gavin Swan tallied an assist. The next day the Rockets tied the Huskies 6 - 6. The Rockets led the way until Haliburton pulled their goalie and were able to tie it up in the last second of the game. Mitchell scored a hat trick and tallied two assists, Darren scored two, assisting on three, Brandon notched one of each and Travis MacKay, pulled up from the Tykes, notched two assists.

On November 16 the Rockets hosted Minden. The boys started out looking somewhat disorganized, allowing the Monarchs to score around the mid-point of the first, but with just 12 seconds left in the period, Brandon Logan rushed from defense and scored to tie the game. Goal number three, scored by Darren, was thanks to a beautiful pass

by Andy Sayers.

The Rockets dominated the second with three more goals. The Monarchs netted a couple in the third but it was not enough. Rockets 7 - Monarchs 3.

Brandon Logan scored a hat trick, Darren notched one of each, Mitchell had a pair of goals, Gavin netted one and Josh MacKay and Andy tallied an assist each. Goaltender, Matt Davidson, was called upon to

make several excellent saves. The great defensive efforts of Matthew Reil, Brandon Logan and Paul Hutchinson rounded

out the boys' superb performance. This was Daniel Vanier's first hockey game and he did a fine job.

Walter Tose was one of the assistants on the bench. The team appreciated his help.

Tight games show promise of good season of competition to come

by JOHN MORIN

On Saturday, November 16 the Novice Rockets hosted the Haliburton Huskies. The Rockets were coming into this game on a roll, having won eight straight. They fully expected a tough game and weren't disappointed as Haliburton came out strongly from the start. The game went back and forth with each team getting several good scoring chances. Haliburton scored late in the first to take the lead. The Rockets came back hard but were unable to connect on some good scoring chances. The game went down to the wire with Haliburton squeezing out the 2 - 0 victory. Congratulations to all the Rocket players who put in a good effort

in a definite step up in competition.

On Sunday, November 17 the team had a rematch with Haliburton. The Rockets came out flying and took the lead early on a goal by Kanan Quibell with a good, hard, low wrist shot to the stick side. The goal was assisted by Shane Gillick. The Rockets held the lead until late in the second when Haliburton was finally able to solve the goaltending of Adam DeCarlo. Haliburton took the lead early in the third and held on for a 3 - 2 win. This was another fine effort by the Wilberforce boys. This should turn out to be an excellent series of games between two good novice teams for the remainder of the season.


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Three local skaters savour the challenge and hard work of competitive skating

by NICK PAWLUCH
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Recently three members of the Haliburton Figure Skating Club, Tori Brown, Tristan Pawluch and Cheryl Ripley, had the distinct pleasure of attending this

year's Sunlife Eastern Ontario Sectional Championships which were hosted by the Minto Skating Club of Ottawa.

The Sectional Championships are the first round of competition for skaters hoping to compete in the Canadian Championships. The top four in each of the Novice, Junior and Senior divisions advance to the Divisionals and the top four skaters in those categories advance to the Canadian Championships. The Haliburton Club was capably represented by Tori Browne skating in the Pre-Novice Category, Cheryl Ripley who skated in the Juvenile Category and Tristan Pawluch who skated in the Novice Category.

Competitions give skaters a chance to show the world how well they are progressing. All skaters accept competitions as a challenge to win or more realistically, to achieve their personal best. These skaters love to perform before audiences and judges and to prove to themselves, their families, coaches and friends that they are the best. Go figure.

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**Tristan Pawluch
and Tori Browne**

Tori Browne has spent four years as a test skater and started competitive test skating when she was nine years old. She became a test skater because she wanted to become a better, stronger individual skater. A sparkling, energetic and enthusiastic young lady, she likes the friendships that develop in skating and in competition. Asked what were the rewards of being a test skater Tori said she enjoyed passing the test and the challenge of doing well at competitions. Her biggest supporters are her mother, dad and her grandma and she says that the longest she has been off the ice was four weeks. But skating is not her only interest. Volleyball, and skiing are activities outside of skating that she does in order to keep fit. If that isn't enough to fill her spare time, Tori also takes piano lessons privately as well as studying saxophone in Grade 7 at the J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. At the Sectional Competition Tori skated against 13 skaters from across the Eastern Section of Ontario and placed 10th in her

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Endless practice pays dividends

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flight.

Cheryl Ripley, whose home club is the Minden Skating Club, has only been skating as a test skater for about three years. Cheryl likes single skating more than the other disciplines of dance and pairs, because she feels you don't have to worry too much about what another person is doing on the ice.

Cheryl started skating when she was nine years old and, like Tori, went on into the Test Program to advance further and become a better skater. She enjoys figure skating because she finds it a challenge and says you really have to work hard to get better. She finds success in achieving the various jumps and landing them and receiving medals when she is successful at competitions.

At 12 years old Cheryl has developed a mature outlook in her skating, with her biggest supporters being her parents. Both skaters admit to admiring Kurt Browning as their favourite male skater and other heroes include Josee Chouinard, Kristi

Yamaguchi, skating pairs of Isabelle Brasseur and Lloyd Eisler. At the Sectional Competition Cheryl placed 11th in her flight.

Tristan Pawluch, the oldest of the three, is a Grade 10 high school student who has been a test skater for nine years. Tristan began skating because he had a desire to be out on the ice with his older sister who is also a figure skater. He entered the Test Program at six years old because he wanted to excel in figure skating and it was something that he found easy to do.

Asked what he likes about figure skating he answers that he likes jumping 2-1/2 feet in the air, propelling his large frame upwards knowing that he will come down to catch his edge on the ice. Tristan has had the distinction of competing in all three disciplines of dance, pairs and singles as he has developed into a serious skater in the Test Program. He has skated in All-

Ontario Competitions three times. Winning competitions and proving himself before an audience is fun, he says. His biggest supporters are his family and certainly his coach. He skates all year round and only takes short breaks of two or three weeks in the spring and

'These young skaters have demonstrated discipline, courage, fortitude and citizenship.'

fall. Although actively involved in figure skating, Tristan also takes private piano lessons with Melissa Stephens and plays high school basketball this year at Haliburton High. His other hobbies include model railroading and building radio-controlled airplanes, as well as relaxing by practising his magic tricks.

Like many skaters he looks to Elvis Stojko, as his hero or role model and hopes one day to follow in his footsteps.

Tristan placed 5th in his short program and 7th in his long program for an overall finish of 7th

place at the Eastern Ontario Sectional Championships.

Regardless of their level, all the young skaters have spent hundreds of hours practising diligently and faithfully in the hopes of skating their personal best for the judges. The skaters were coached very capably and professionally by Jane Symons, David Hollows and Guy Gordon. All these young skaters performed to an exceptionally high standard and represented their club well and while their performances were not as high as their expectations, it was a positive learning experience for all.

Although it may sound as though all this competition is serious and stressful, all three skaters admit that their work is largely a great deal of fun. Sharing and support for each other were demonstrated time and time during the long week of competition and although they may compete hard on the

ice, you would see the competitors sitting and sharing time together afterwards. The sense of camaraderie and team spirit was always evident and age and accomplishment held no barriers.

Anticipation of the competition was one thing, but the peripheral activities of enjoying "Lazor Quest" or the communal dinner at the "Red Lobster" was an added enjoyment of the week.

Other activities the skaters enjoyed were a tour of Canada's Parliament Buildings and staying up until 2:00 in the morning playing cards and watching television.

Our young skaters may not have brought home any medals but each is richer for the experience and already plans are being made and goals set for next year's participation and each skater is looking forward to the future. These young skaters have demonstrated discipline, courage, fortitude and citizenship. For all these attributes and more, your parents are proud of you. Until next time, Go figure?...skating!

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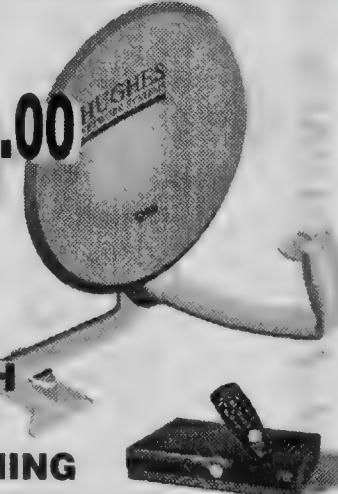
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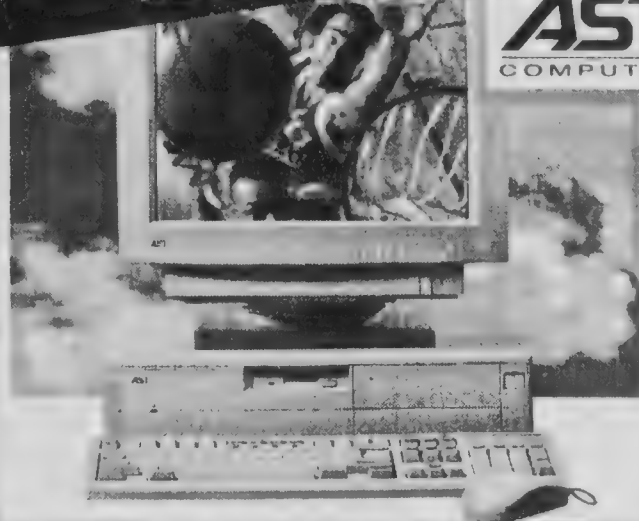
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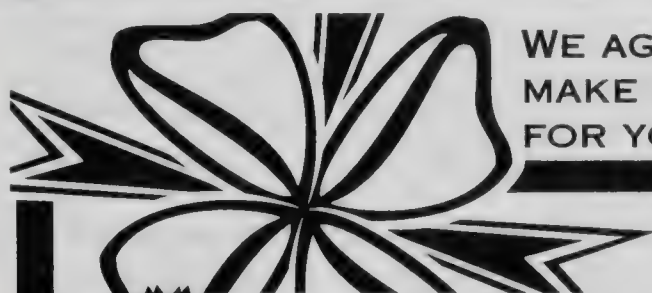
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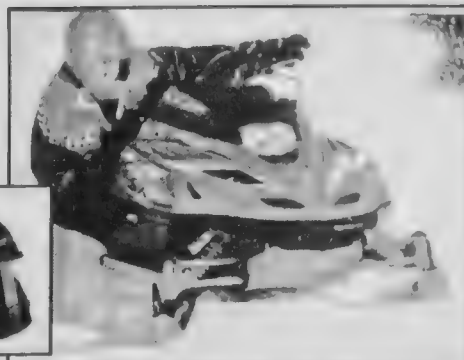
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Catherine Cox makes the most of Neil Simon's characterization



Derek Little, Catherine Cox and Tom Robinson get emotional in the second act



Shelley Van Nood and Candy Robinson give Catherine Cox some moral, and physical, support

2nd Entry PeeWees skate to big win in tournament at Warkworth arena

by DAVE BROWN

Glen Sharpley and the 2nd Entry PeeWee team went to Warkworth for their first tournament of the year last Saturday, braving some rather questionable weather. (Though they might have to start with only four players). The Huskies met an Oakville team first and won rather handily 7 - 1. The Huskies' positional play and aggressive defense proved to be too much for the Oakville team.

In the second game against Peterborough, the Huskies got on the board first with a goal in the dying seconds of the first period. This would prove to be the winner as Haliburton ended up winning 4 - 0. Joel played an outstanding game in net making the great saves and preserving the shutout.

The final game for the

championship was against a familiar team, the Frankford Huskies. As last year, this proved to be quite the battle of the Huskies. The lead saw-sawed back and forth for the first two periods with neither team showing a clear advantage. At the end of the second the score was tied 2 - 2 and the fans were chewing what was left of their nails. It was not until 2:22 of the last period that the Haliburton Huskies scored the winning goal that gave them the championship. Haliburton scored two more before the game was over to add a little icing to the cake, winning 5 - 2.

All the training and practising is paying off. It should be noted that all the players were on the score sheet contributing to the team victory and Joel Potter posted his first shutout of the year. Congratulations Huskies.



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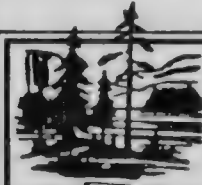
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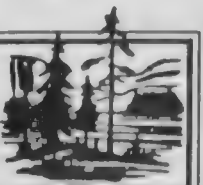
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PeeWee Husky coaches still looking for "lost dogs" after Beaverton win

by JIM CHALMERS

Some of the PeeWee Husky coaching staff are hunters, and today you can bet they are looking seriously at the Lost Dogs signs that pop up this time of year. Some would say they didn't have to look any farther than the penalty box on Friday night to find their canines. The boys were in a surly mood after losing their first league game to

Millbrook 4 - 1 the night before.

The dump and chase, play physical Beaverton Blades picked the wrong night for that strategy and went down "swinging" 7 - 2 at the Dysart Arena. Haliburton's offense dominated early with a big league effort by Warren Cooper. He batted in an airborne rebound off a Jeff Wilson shot to get it started 42 seconds into the game.

Cooper broke loose again for

his second consecutive goal. Jamie Doan moved up from defense for this game and didn't miss his chance, muscling in a wrist shot to put the Huskies up 3 - 1 on the second. Assists went to Ryan Wood and Scot Curry. Andrew Sachs finished his half of the game with a shutout and Cooper had the hat trick to make it 4 - 0 before Beaverton broke the goose egg with a goal at 18 seconds.

In the third period Wilson outmaneuvered the Blades' squad from one end of the rink to the other - hooking in a goal as he slid by the open side on his stomach. Wilson added one more unassisted and Logan Roberts closed out the scoring with 23 seconds on the clock.

Defense? Shouldn't be forgotten in this game. Jamie Luck and Shane Campbell moved back to support Chris Petrow, Logan

Roberts and Adam Henry. Decent job boys.

The Lost Dogs part: Predictably, a "major" scuffle broke out with four seconds to go in the game - centered around the Beaverton net and almost all players on the ice involved. Goalie Ryan Chalmers was too far away to join in (to the relief of one mother at least). It would take a bench full of auditors a week to figure out the penalty minutes assessed to both teams in this contest.

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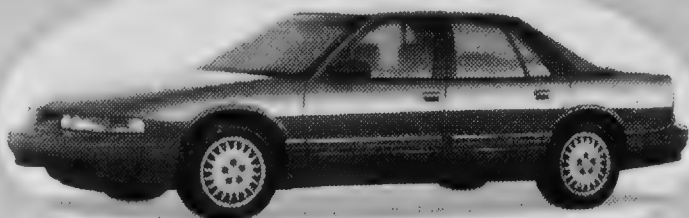
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Thursday Mixed, November 15, Men: High Average: Walt Stemaier - 209; High Single: Alex Little - 259; High Single HC: Alex Little - 285; High Triple: Dan Rivard - 638; High Triple HC: Bryan Rivard - 730.

Women: High Average: Joan Rivard - 170; High Single: Joanne Robinson - 205; High Single HC: Joanne Robinson - 265; High Triple: Joan Rivard - 571; High Triple HC: Joanne Robinson - 709.

Youth Bowling League, November 16: PeeWee - Boys: High Average: Brad Brown - 116; High Single: Cody Liscombe - 119; High Double: Cody Liscombe - 218. Girls: High Average: Tori Brown - 84; High Single: Tori Brown - 105; High Double: Tori Brown - 206.

Bantam: Boys - High Average: Brad Mickle - 161; High Single: Justin Burke - 184; High Triple: Justin Burke - 443. Girls - High Average: Lesley Cox - 101; High Single: Robin Ketner - 132; High Triple: Rebecca Neave - 324.

Junior/Senior: Boys - High Average: Dru Adamson - 169; High Single: Dru Adamson - 236; High Triple: Dru Adamson - 566. Girls - High Average: Jennifer Moore - 165; High Single: Kelly Berry - 189; High Triple: Jennifer Moore - 466.

On November 9 and November 16 the house round of the Combo Tournament was played. The top boys team and top girls consisting of a Bantam, Jr. and Sr. bowler advance to zone finals in Peterborough December 15.

Congratulations go to Robin Ketner, Kelly Berry and Ashley Cameron for the girls team.

The boys beam consists of Jeff Mickle, Matt Mickle and Dru Adamson.

Monday Evening Mixed, November 18, Men: High Average: Scott Moore - 229; High Single: Daryl Moore - 258; High Single HC: Daryl Moore - 272; High Triple: Eric Burk - 669; High Triple HC: Eric Burk - 711.

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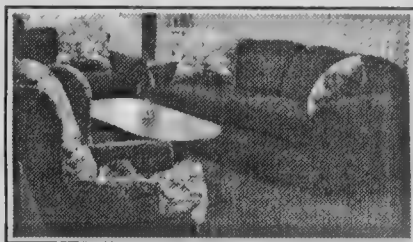


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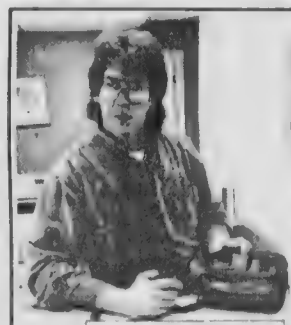


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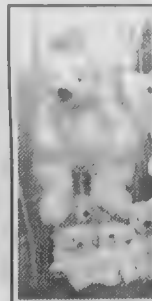
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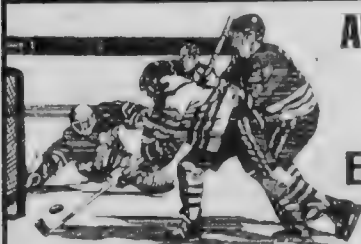
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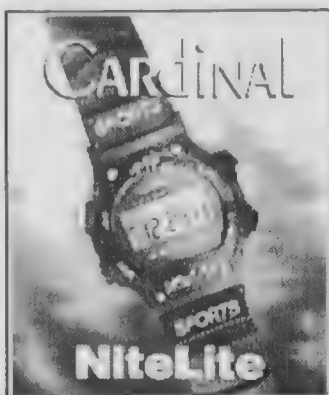
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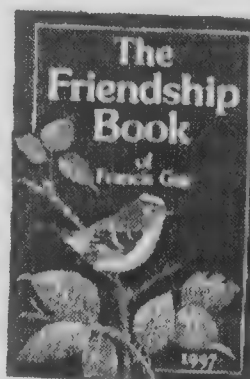


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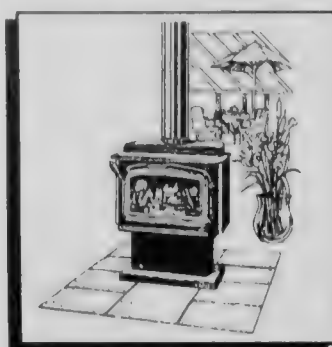
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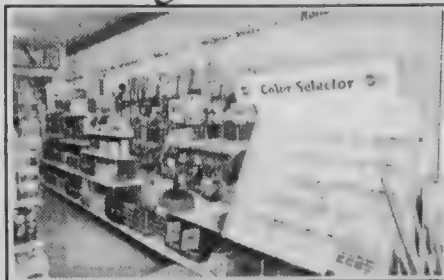
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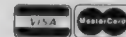
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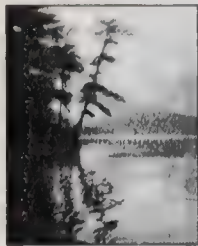
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by RUTH STILL



A SATISFIED PATIENT: Ruth Still recently underwent successful knee replacement surgery



ARTHROSCOPY: Surgeons doing an exploratory examination and cleaning up a damaged knee

In a report issued by the Metropolitan Toronto District Health Council, it was recommended that the Orthopaedic and Arthritic Hospital be closed and its programs and services transferred to the Toronto East General and Orthopaedic Hospital.

This fills the staff and patients of the O. and A. with great foreboding.

As a two-time patient I'd like to contribute my personal experience of the O. and A. to the present controversy.

Thanksgiving Day '96 and my graduation - 'Magna Cum Laude', from the surgery and the rehabilitation course at the O. and A.

Two weeks ago today I entered the Orthopaedic and Arthritic Hospital, Toronto, for a complete knee replacement surgery. Today I leave walking erectly, without cane, limp or pain. This is the result of a graduated learning/training progress from painful disability to painless competence.

A kaleidoscope of memories and impressions:

meeting the anesthetist who explains his role and attaches the I.V., how cold the O.R. is, the rustle and bustle of blue-gowned figures around you and...three hours later I surface through waves of nausea. My own room? The laugh of a favourite niece? Yes, there she is, a latte in one hand, in the other a piece of butter pecan pie! Great thoughts, bad timing.

Morphine keeps pain at bay. The next day, aided by a nurse manoeuvring 'the limb', grossly swollen and bandaged, you stand briefly.

The emphasis is on self-help and independence. By day four I.V. is gone, so are bandages. With the aid of a walker you go to the showers. The limb gradually becomes a functional leg. Monitoring by staff and surgeon is a given. Now you take note of surroundings.

My roomie is Mary from Sudbury, a 30-year victim of rheumatoid arthritis. After 14 separate operations, spine, both shoulders, both hips,

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An uncertain future:

The O. and A. is slated to merge with Toronto East General Hospital. But many fear the move would weaken the focus and teamwork that have made the facility a centre of excellence

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both feet, both ankles, fused wrists, one knee, only her knobbed, deformed hands betray her original condition.

This time it's a complete knee replacement. She sits on the edge of the bed and marvels at two straight legs. "The first time in 30 years I've seen them like that."

Jean, from Alberta, is left a literal, broken, basket case after a bad auto accident. The O. and A. in Toronto is her final and only hope. After several operations she manages with a cane.

The visitor is a young Taiwanese woman in great health. Polio had left her crippled with one leg shorter than the other. A brother in Toronto had her brought here for surgery.

Such stories are common at the Orth. and Arth. as it is affectionately known. Small wonder that past patients feel so passionately that the O. and A. continue in its present, dedicated, efficient format.

I smile thinking of the "Cane Brigade". The second week is the "Functional Independence Training Program (FIT)" on the seventh floor. Three times daily you work out with a physio or occupational therapist. The eight or so patients meld into family as we wince and puff our way back to full mobility.

With crutches or canes we tap our way down to the cafeteria for meals. We are eyed askance as our balance is uncertain and fainting a possibility.

Such rehabilitation used to be for 10 or so days at facilities elsewhere in Toronto. With the government

Health Care emphasis now on home stay and home care, all hospitals have vacant beds and rooms.

The O. and A. now has complete orthopaedic care and facilities at one location. One can be fitted here for braces or orthotics. Foot clinics are in the basement.

At present, day surgery and out-patient clinics account for 46% of the hospital's case load. With no emergency ward, more than 4,600 elective surgeries a year can be booked, with 100% certainty.

With a surgical volume of 9,000 cases annually, including 2,000 joint replacement procedures, the O. and A. is the largest joint replacement centre in Canada.

Toronto's Orthopaedic and Arthritic Hospital at 43 Wellesley Street East is one of the city's smaller hospitals.

Nine full-time and four part-time surgeons work out of four operating rooms with four major sub specialty areas: total joint replacement and revision surgery, arthroscopy and athletic injury surgery, shoulder and upper extremity surgery, spinal surgery.

Patients here and at Sick Children's benefit from collaboration and cross referral among surgeons. Each doctor has his own area of expertise focusing on the diagnosis and treatment of patients with acute and chronic disease and injuries of the musculoskele-



THE INSIDE VIEW: Surgeons check a monitor as knee replacement surgery continues



Dr. Michael Krestow:

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The hospital is committed to ongoing professional education and research. Most of the surgeons are affiliated with and lecture at U. of T. faculty of medicine.

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The government has difficulty recruiting specialists in outlying communities and these often cannot even accommodate their emergency case load. Patients requiring one-time reconstructive surgery are better served at a high volume specialty centre such as the O. and A.

The staff of the O. and A. hospital feel that a proposed merger with Toronto East General, a non-teaching hospital, would surely lead to new management, a diluted focus and the gradual dispersion of the present highly skilled competent unit they are now.

Would it save money? One study estimates the capital and other one-time costs of the move at approximately \$30-million.

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A FEAST FOR BODY AND SOUL:

Couple transports concert series audience with a magical evening of song

Review by
CAITLIN PETTIT

The Haliburton Highlands Concert Series presented the second performance of their season on Sunday, November 17. The Legion Hall in Haliburton was transformed into a charming lounge to go along with the Cabaret theme of the evening. The husband and wife duo of soprano Donna Bennett and pianist Brian Finley captivated the audience with their unique fusion of piano and song.

The entire performance was drawn on a quote from Shakespeare's Twelfth night - "if music be the food of life...play on". Donna Bennett and Brian Finley certainly prepared a very diverse and satisfying meal for the audience. Their theme of food went beyond the analogy as the program was designed to imitate a nine-course meal, complete with champagne and sorbet.

Donna Bennett is an accomplished soprano and opera



"This duo transported the audience to far away countries filled with luxury and glamour as they performed pieces by Bach, Mozart and Strauss."

singer. She delighted the audience with the strength and power of her amazing voice. She looked as though she had just stepped off a stage in Paris with her elegant style of dress and sophisticated stage props, such as a feather boa, to illustrate the theme of a particular song.

The couple charmed and capti-

vated the audience as they joked amicably with each other as only a married couple could do. Their intimate and friendly stage presence made everyone feel comfortable and connected to the performance. Before each song an explanation would be given as to its' significance and meaning. This really assisted in our

understanding of the songs, as they were often in a foreign language.

During certain songs, it was almost as if a play was being staged. Donna Bennett and Brian Finley really used their powers of acting to lead the audience into certain pieces of music. This technique made the

music come alive.

This duo transported the audience to far away countries filled with luxury and glamour as they performed pieces by Bach, Mozart and Strauss. The "third course" was a charming mixture of children's songs written by Brian Finley and sung beautifully by Donna Bennett. The songs were inspired by their own two young boys, Adam and Benjamin. Brian Finley and Donna Bennett gave the audience a view of their personal lives as they shared the love they felt for their children.

Brian Finley performed a lovely piece called "Laurentian Morning" that he composed himself. This song was inspired by the quiet, serene mornings at his cottage in the Laurentians. He played the piano with a smooth, fluent style that added a dreamy aspect to this moving song. The audience was amazed at his proficiency in committing to memory such a large volume of songs.

By the end of this musical meal, everyone felt that their hunger for culture and lovely music had been satisfied.

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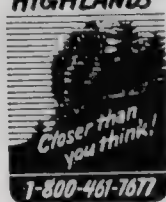
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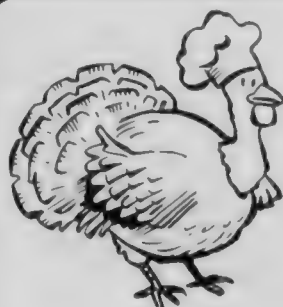
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Linking names from past and present helps uncover roots to family tree

by JUNE PARTRIDGE
Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group

The end of the year is quickly arriving and I have started to think about what I have really accomplished in my genealogy search. I know that some babies have been born to add to the family tree and there have been several deaths in the family as well for me to record. I didn't really have much of a search for these details. Where I did further my search was by being ready to listen to relatives as they talked of memories at both events.

Linking names past and present often shows a definite trail. Finding similar last names in a census or land record, Andrew and Stephen or Peter, often can help you eliminate a wrong line search. You may have several

Peter's but no Andrew or Stephen. Always note where you found these names and keep a record in your file in case you later find a link, since remembering later what record you were searching can be difficult. Another clue when looking at names is that you may also determine the possible origin of a person from their name. If you know you are looking for someone of Scottish lineage then you might keep the file for Andrew and Stephen in your research handbook.

At a funeral you might take a look around the cemetery for headstones that bear the same name as the person who has just been buried, since many people have their last resting place with or near other family members. In cemeteries where there are old stones or flat stones in the ground, you may not be able to read the information. The cemetery keeps a record of who is in each plot and if records have not been lost, you may find there are more family members buried in the family plot than you had been aware of previously. Recently, I discovered that a person can be lowered in a plot so that another family member can be buried in the same plot. The ownership of a plot can be passed on to a beneficiary of the deceased. Of course there are papers to submit and a fee to pay. If a headstone is already in place, the next person would have a flat stone at the foot of the existing grave depending on the rules of the cemetery. The other interesting fact discovered recently is about wills. This is a favourite place to seek names of children of our ancestors when we have difficulty knowing just how many children or the names of these children. The Ontario Provincial Archives will usually have the will you are looking for if the person died in this province. When the will cannot be found it doesn't always mean that there was no will. It could mean that a will did not have to go to probate because of the size of the estate. Many financial instruments name a beneficiary, are in joint names or list 'and or survivor'.

Now to the births in the family that I mentioned at the beginning. This is when you find that a child may have been given the first or second name of one or two grandparents. Even a last name can be used in the name of a new child in the family. Baptism records often show an aunt or uncle of the child as godparent. Church records

can be used also for marriage and death listings.

So, did I further my research this year? Yes, but not always in the matter that I would have liked.

On November 27, 1996 the genealogy group will have a 'Show & Tell' night when people will bring something such as a medal, a Bible, a unique ring or plaque or crest which has a story behind it that helped the owner further their family research or solved a mystery in the family or created a further questioning of the records they thought were complete. Join us at the Minden library at 7 p.m. on Wednesday or come early at 6 p.m. to do research in our genealogy resource mobile cart while the executive hold their meeting before the program.

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Minden W.I. plans December potluck lunch

by JEANNE SEARS
Minden Women's Institute

The November 20 meeting of Minden Women's Institute was at the Terrace with president Jean Cox welcoming all. The roll call of "when is a bargain not a bargain" was answered by 15 members and four guests. There was a brief report on the history workshop at Lindsay Board room on October 30 which five members attended.

Jean Cox, as delegate to area convention, gave an excellent report. On the tickets sold at our last meeting for this convention Maud Coulter won third prize of \$50. East Victoria District had 100 percent of delegates.

Irene Moore reported sending 17 cards since the last meeting and collections for Card Fund and Pennies for Friendship were taken. Members please note that Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario will have special events during 1997 their centennial year and also 1997 year is Minden's 90th year as well.

Next meeting is a pot luck at noon, December 18 at Minden United Church; gift exchange not over \$2, and we will send \$50 to the Christmas Baskets.

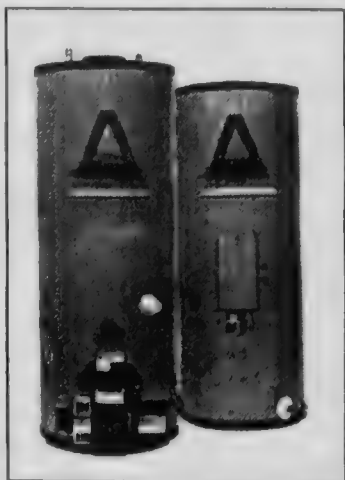
Speaker of the day was introduced by Irene Moore. Marvella Smith is coordinator for the Minden Museum. She said our early memories have history in them.

After the meeting Irene Moore was a capable auctioneer on items brought.

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IN REMEMBRANCE:

Students reflect on the meaning of war and sacrifice in the annual Haliburton Legion Branch 129 literacy competition



More than 250 students from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands District Secondary School took part in the Haliburton Legion's annual Remembrance Day Literacy Contest this year.

Among the participants, 64 students wrote poems, 50 submitted essays, 50 drew black and white posters and 89 created colour posters.

The first-place winners in each category will go on to Zone Competition.

Here are the results:

Black & White Posters:

Senior: 1st - Karin Aschenbrenner; 2nd - Jennifer Ferguson; 3rd - Kim Bagshaw. Intermediate: 1st - Alana Woodcock; 2nd - Lesley Pearsell; 3rd - Adrienne Clark. Junior: 1st - Carissa McIntyre; 2nd - Jamie Timbers; 3rd - Monike Holm-Franke.

Colour Posters:

Senior: 1st - Karin Aschenbrenner. Intermediate: 1st - Candice Roadknight; 2nd - Terry Dawson; 3rd - Brad Park. Junior: 1st - Valerie Sutcliffe; 2nd - Erin Burtch; 3rd - Matt Ellis.

Poems:

Senior: 1st - Nathan Hughes; 2nd - Drew Robertson; 3rd - Alaina Benoit. Intermediate: 1st - Liane Dron; 2nd - Sarah Pergolas; 3rd - Taryn Clarke. Junior: 1st - Arlen Mighten; 2nd - Belinda Howitt; 3rd - Josh Foyster.

Essays:

Senior: 1st - Bryn Gray; 2nd - Shelley Hirstwood; 3rd - Matthew Burk. Intermediate: 1st - Casey Ogle; 2nd - Lesley Pearsell; 3rd - Jennifer Moynes. Junior: 1st - Norman Smith; 2nd - Arlen Mighten; 3rd - Allison Roberts.

The True Meaning of Remembrance Day

by CASEY OGLE

I never really thought about war and the pain of it. On November 4 my teacher made us watch a movie about war called "Never Again" and that's when I started to take this topic very seriously. My grandparents always told us stories about the war and how awful it

was. They didn't go to war but they were children through it.

Every year our school had a Remembrance Day ceremony and I always found it really hard to comprehend the suffering that people went through. This year I'm getting older and I'm starting to understand the real meaning of Remembrance Day. I knew it was for world peace, but it never really meant anything to me. I always thought it was bombs, guns, grenades and so on, but really is that it? No, it's not it! It is about the pain and suffering of people who gave up their lives for us and our country.

Every day that I worked on this essay, I gave it more and more thought. If everyone in the world knew the real meaning of Remembrance Day and saw the movie *Never Again*, Remembrance Day would be taken more to heart. I can only hope across the world people will understand the true meaning of Remembrance Day.

Let the Memory Live

by BRYN GRAY

November 11th. The trumpet sounds, we bow our heads and the roll is read. We remember the lives, the tears and the battles. We pay our respect to those who fought and those who died. A tradition, of remembrance and of honour.

Each year, on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, we recall the two World Wars and the people that it affected. These wars, though distant they seem, took millions of lives. Each life encompassed family, friends and values. These soldiers who fought, whether they lived or died, deserve our greatest honor and respect.

In a society that often questions the effects and results of war, some find it difficult to pay respect on Remembrance Day. It was once said that World War I was to be the war to end all wars. Yet wars have continued to occur. The idea of fighting violence with violence, when examined, seems almost doomed to fail. Although we hold different beliefs on the effectiveness and morality of war, we cannot forget the sacrifice and suffering of these soldiers. They firmly believed in the notion that the only way to save their families and country was to fight and die

for it. This is the single and greatest act of patriotism.

When pausing in silence, let us remember not only those who died but also those who fought. The soldiers that survived lost their comrades, family members and some their health, only later to have their motives and efforts questioned by those they fought for.

These soldiers preserved Canada and enabled it to become what it is today, an internationally respected nation, voted the best country to live in, two years and standing by the United Nations. Many people would do anything to have the opportunity to live in this great country.

On November 11, let us pay respect to these soldiers. It is only just a moment of time in our day to say thank you. Remember and appreciate their sacrifices. The past is meant to be learned from not forgotten. Let the memory live, for if it dies all was done in vain.

Remembrance Day

by NORMAN SMITH

We have a day but once a year when everyone remembers the people who fought and died in the war, who died in the war for us. Our friends and even our family put their lives on the line for the future of the country they loved. Some returning to tell about the horrible war and others not. And that is why we remember and that is also why we wear a poppy. We wear a poppy to resemble the poppies that grow in Flanders Fields, where the soldiers who died were buried. There you will see hundreds of thousands of small white crosses. That's when you realize how much destruction there was and how lucky you are. Some people

take Remembrance Day for granted, but not me. Both of my grandpas went in the war and although they both lived, you have to think of all the little kids out there growing up without any grandparents. I consider myself a very lucky person. I live in a beautiful, rich and above all a free country, a free country because of those brave soldiers. Those soldiers were so courageous. To tell you the truth I don't think that I would have been brave enough to go in there. So next time Remembrance Day comes around, you wear your poppy, you be proud and you remember!

Between the Crosses

by ARLEN MIGHTON

As I sit between the crosses,
And watch the poppies bloom,
I think of the soldiers,
That went to their doom.
The sacrifice was great,
And driven by hate.
It's happening right now,
Will the people learn?
Families will die,
And countries will burn.
Can it ever end?
Or will it just go on?
When I look in the sky,
Will someone, somewhere
drop a bomb?

I Was Not There

by NATHAN HUGHES

I was not there, when in trenches they lay,
And they died in horrible pain.
I was not there when a boy had fallen,

And blood made its sickening stain.

I was not there to witness the cost,

Under the crimson sun.

Nor was I there, to witness the loss,

Of lives barely begun.

I cannot say that I've felt the pain,

Of seeing a close friend die,

And I can't remember what it's like,

Not to see the clear blue sky.

But though I wasn't there,

To see those horrid, dreadful days,

I still can see it in their eyes,

Each year on Remembrance Day.

Remembering the Pain

by LIANE DRON

The dream's the same every night,
He's back amidst the awful fight.
The bombs explode all around,
Leaving devastation as they hit the ground.
He watches as a soldier dies,
Hardly hearing his painful cries.
In a daze he turns around,
And is quickly knocked to the ground.
He tries to move, but he cannot,
He realizes that he's been shot.
With a start he awakens,
He tries to relax, but is too shaken.
He thinks about what lies ahead that day,
And remembers that it's Remembrance Day.
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Classroom art opens door to student's imagination

by TASHA MOORE
HHSS Co-op Student

Caitlin Pettit, a grade 12 student at HHSS, did a very unusual thing this semester. Caitlin took home a door. Not just any door, but a steel, fire-proof door.

And then she painted a picture on it as an independent study for her OAC Biology course. Painting in Biology class is not unusual for many students.

When you enter the classroom, your eyes are greeted with a welcome sight of animals all over the walls. Many students in years past and this year have helped to contribute to the scenes. On one wall you are swept away to the African plains, then you are under the ocean surface, then to the tropical rain forest and finally to the North American forests.

Caitlin spent time painting on the walls last year and she finds that painting the door is just a continuation of last year.

She came up with the idea to bring the door home. She had been working on it in class time to get the fundamentals down, but didn't want to miss too much of class.

After asking Mr. Mowat, the Biology teacher, if she could take it home, her father Bruce came in with his truck. Then kids from her class, such as Matt Heffer, Ron Pettit, Nick Fawcett, Jamie Henderson and Ben Ripley, helped her unhinge the door and bring it out to the vehicle and load it in. "It was very heavy," commented Caitlin.

She had some difficulties working on the door. There had already been a picture painted on it, by another student but the door wasn't finished. Since it already had a picture on it, Caitlin had to work around the paintings, or help them out in various areas.

Finding real life pictures of the animals she was painting was tough. "In a perfect world, I could have went to a zoo, sketched the animal, then painted it," she said. "It was challenging working from photographs and putting together a picture from an animal I've never really seen."

After two-and-a-half days of working on the door, mostly on weekends when she had the time, Caitlin was ready to take it back to school.

To save her dad a trip to town, they decided to load it



DOOR ART: Caitlin Pettit added to the artwork in the biology classroom at HHSS by painting the nature scene on this door.

in a van with their mom. "We had a slight mishap while trying to fit the door into the van that added a lot of

excitement to our family's morning."

It seemed to fit fine, but when the back door of the van was slammed shut, the family was in for a bit of a surprise. Instead of the door just closing as normal, the window on the door shattered. Caitlin recalls that the glass just cracked into little fragments and then fell in making a lovely frame around her father's surprised face.

The next week they again attempted to load the door into the van, this time making sure the door fit before closing the van door. Their second mission was a success, and the door was brought back without any further problems.

While I was interviewing Caitlin, some students came in and complimented her on her door. She admits that although she gets a lot of that, she also has some critics.

"I think she did an amazing job on the door!" says Mr. Mowat. "A good piece of art stirs up a bit of controversy."

Mr. Mowat was very impressed with Caitlin's works and feels this was a major growth step for her because she had to work over someone else's painting.

Mr. Mowat was happy with the final results. "It was like getting a Christmas present right in November."

Caitlin has done some cartooning for school pamphlets, and letters. She has also done some drawings for The Echo, and is working on pictures for the HHSS year book. In the future Caitlin would like to have her own studio.

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Families today aren't like they used to be

Dear Retirees: Do you, in those short, dull, November days, think with nostalgia of the past when you were needed - got the kids off to school each morning and welcomed their return each afternoon?

I'm about to apply a cold dash of realism to that fantasy. I have just tried this for a week in Toronto and the family scenario of the '90s is as different from that of the '50s as chalk is from cheese.

Ostensibly I'm to help my granddaughter with the extended

French program at the high school level and to aid my former daughter-in-law who is recovering from mono. This is a blended family containing also my 12-year-old grandson and a husband/father figure and on occasion his 12-year-old son.

Day is heralded by staccato bursts from clock radios in various rooms and the aroma of coffee. Morning exodus: showers, snatched breakfasts, search for lost homework or articles, catch that ride! The lethal pile of boots, shoes and hockey sticks at the

From the RHUBARB PATCH

Ruth Still

front door disappears. At last I'm alone, left like a beached flounder.

Where to start? Dishes, clean-up. Is this house small or has everybody too many clothes? Closet rods sag. Clothes spill from dresser drawers and over-

flow clothes hampers. With uni-sex, post-dryer - matching of socks and assigning of underwear and tee-shirts is a nightmare.

Vacuuming has not a high priority so I stick to bare centre floors. Quite a time saver!

Lunch for two is no preparation for the evening invasion. By request the dinner constant is mashed potatoes. Number of diners, time and menu depend on: late classes, seminars, hockey practice/game, tutorials. "Stress management", seems the current topic but both it and organization

become daily more remote to me.

Saturday and Sunday continue the same frantic pace for all. I feel like a flagpole caught in a hurricane.

A meal together is a miracle, though stress is evident. What adult has the temerity to carp at shovelled food, or a baseball cap glued to a young head!

These are nice kids. I field a party for eight 12-year-olds and admire my grandson's aplomb to cope with the group until food arrives. A swearer at table is summarily dealt with by the others. L'histoire française certainly has a different slant. The topic is, "The Expulsion of the French Acadians". The Acadians settled all fertile lands around the Bay of Fundy. In 1755 the British expelled the lot, transporting them by ship to parts as distant as Louisiana. The few Acadians who straggled back found their lands settled by the British and perforce became lumbermen or fishermen in remote places.

Move over First Nations when it comes to future land claims! My French certainly improved. I'm not so sure about my granddaughter's.

In this chaos, communication does happen. Children too have their say and are heard. I gain insight into this generation - anxiety about jobs, pessimism about the future, happiness must be snatched for who can plan.

Holding a pan of brownies fresh from the oven I watch a grandchild complete a homework assignment on computer and think how aptly the tableau depicts our generation gap. I cannot imagine the future they prepare for and my comfort - food and attitudes seem pretty ineffective to help them.

I thoroughly relish being home again in Eagle Lake. Of my week's sojourn in the city: my proud accomplishment, I survived; my strongest impression - the enduring humour just below the surface.

Friends make trip to surprise party

by ANNE McKAY
Carnarvon News

On Sunday, November 17, Marlene Welch, Betty Davis, Nellie Thompson, Hughena Redner and Anne McKay went to Kirkfield to a surprise birthday party for Emily Coulter who, along with husband Leslie, used to own a farm around Lake Boskung area. Many friends from this area and around Kirkfield, along with family, attended. It was a fun afternoon and I met many friends I had not seen in a long time.

We express our sympathies to the family of Mary McKelvey who passed away November 19 and to Verna Sawyer whose brother passed away this week.

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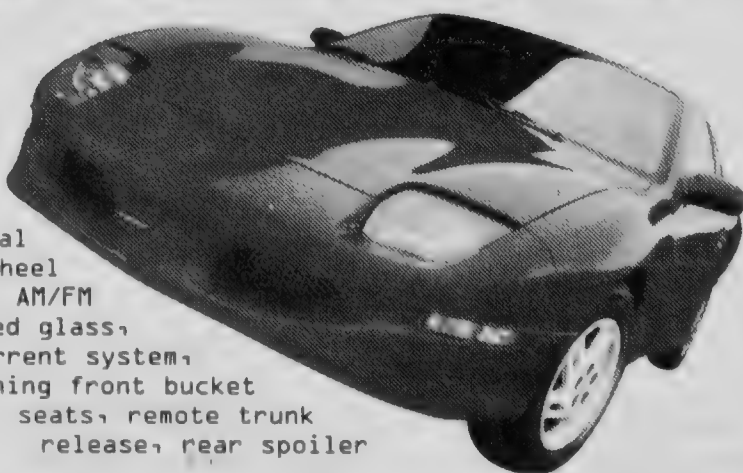
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Tree lighting ceremony begins X-mas season

Christmas is fast approaching and the merchants are displaying Christmas trees and beautiful decorations to help get the public in the Christmas spirit. Everything looks so beautiful and festive.

In Dorset, the annual ceremony of the lighting of the community Christmas tree will take place on Sunday, December 1 at 4 p.m. The tree is beside the Fire Hall, and everyone is invited to join in the festivities, planned by the Township of Sherborne and the Dorset Volunteer Fire Department.

Ribbons will be available for you to place on the tree or you may bring your own ribbon.

The Fire Department will be providing a bonfire, hot dog roast, hot chocolate and a Christmas sing along. Sounds like a great way to start the

DORSET

News

Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

Christmas seasons and the lighting of the tree is always an exciting event. So plan on coming out and joining in the community Christmas tree lighting festivities.

Birthday wishes go out to Ryan Scott who was 8-years-old on November 20, Nicholas Grauds, one-year-old on November 21, Lauren Lonsdale, 9 on the 22nd, and Farrah Dukoff, 5 on the 23rd. Derrick Baker had a birthday on November 25. We wish them all happiness.

Once again serenity has returned to the wilds and the nat-

ural inhabitants can return to their routine way of life and only fear any natural hazards and predators that they face in their daily life.

A reminder that the community bazaar is coming up on Saturday, November 30 at the Rec. Centre, 1 to 3 p.m. For the different organizations participating in the bazaar it is a busy time and time seems to fly. It is a great place to buy hand-crafted gifts and to relieve you of having to do so much Christmas baking. There will also be tea tables where you may rest and sate your thirst and sweet tooth.

The Art Club meets every Friday at the Rec. Centre from 10 to 12 a.m. - a chance to sketch, draw or paint as you wish. You can express your talent and enjoy the company of other art lovers.



HELPING CHILDREN: Tom Brooks, manager of Haliburton's branch of the CIBC, presents a corporate donation of \$5,000 to Dave Adam, managing director of the Five Counties Children's Centre Foundation. The money will be used to help the centre in its work with physically handicapped children in Haliburton County and the four other counties the centre serves.

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Cloggers take their show on the road to Bancroft

WILBERFORCE

News

Hilda Clark

The Monmouth Cloggers recently performed at the Bancroft Manor. Among those enjoying the lively entertainment was Doug Stoughton, Colleen Riley and all the cloggers welcome new members to the group.

Sympathy of the community goes to Faye Watson on the loss of her daughter who has been ill for some time.

Barb Taylor called with Wilberforce School news. Michael Nicholson was named Student of the Week in Kindergarten. He always tries to do his best. In Grade 1 Sonny Simmons, a new student, was selected. Adam DeCarlo and Jennifer Cumming who have both read 30 books in the Book Club, and Michael Vaughan who completed numerous math activities were all named in Grade

1/2. Chris Johnston was Star of the Week in Grade 3/4. In Grade 5/6 Amanda Bolger and James Forde were selected for producing impressive pieces of art.

In addition to regular school work, the young people of the area are involved in many community activities: Brownies, Sparks, Guides, Beavers, figure skating, hockey, Sunday School activities and the Loop Troupe. And Linda Wright from R.C. Legion Branch 624 reports that many students submitted poetry, essays and posters describing and depicting the significance of Remembrance Day.

Certificates and monetary awards were presented to the following young people. In the Intermediate (Grade 7/8) section for coloured poster, Talitha Pothaar (1st), Jackie Burt (2nd); for her essay Talitha Pothaar (1st); for her coloured poster (Grade 9) Leah Pothaar (1st). In the Junior (4 - 6) division: for black and white posters, Rachael Outram (1st), Justin Donaldson (2nd), Brandon Logan (3rd), Matthew Manary (4th); for

coloured posters, Stephanie DeCarlo (1st), Christina Alden (2nd), Sandra Riley (3rd), and Rachael Outram (4th); for poetry Rachael Outram, Meghan Foulds (2nd), Morgan Gadway (3rd) and Terry Bannan (4th), for essays Stephanie DeCarlo (1st), Stephen Foulds (2nd), Daniel Vanier (3rd), and Meghan Foulds (4th).

Members of the Legion L.A. who attended a zone meeting in Peterborough on Sunday, November 24 were Joyce Vaughan, Marion Clark.

While attending the 141 Synod of the Toronto Diocese of the Anglican Church recently it was great to have a chat with Rev. John Phillips. He reports that all is well with the family - Flora Jean is teaching Kindergarten, Jenny (18) is in O.A.C. (Grade 13) and John William (16) is in Grade 11 (I think). Also at Synod from the Haliburton Parish were Rev. Christopher Graves, Nicholas Fawcett, Lynne Johnston and Maggie Milne.

Community mourns death of former resident Hector Bain

WEST GUILFORD

News

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Sunday, November 17 saw the passing of former Guilford resident Hector Bain. He leaves to mourn him, his wife Mary and family, Ray, Sharon, Brenda and Carolyn who used to attend the school in West Guilford. The funeral was held in Lindsay and the burial took place at St. Peter's cemetery on the day he would have been 80. Our sympathy goes to those who knew and loved him well.

Ruth Bain's mother, Ruth (Mrs. Elmer) Sawyer, died on Monday, November 18 at Extendicare which had been her home for about 10 years. Her burial took place at a quiet family service on November 20 at Maple Lake United Church cemetery. Mrs. Sawyer would have been 93 on December 1.

Reason for gladness fortunately accompanies reasons for sadness and we rejoice with Peter and Betsey Kaners on the birth of a son for Nicole and Don Fowler of Etobicoke. Ryon Henry Wilhelmus was born at 7:40 a.m. on October 26, 1996. A shower which had been planned on or about the day the little fellow arrived a month prematurely, was held shortly afterwards at the Fowler's. One of the former Guilford residents to attend as well as proud grandparents was Marion Gould.

Those who keep track of the Boice-Bice connection will be interested to learn that Ralph Bice is now residing at Rowanwood Residence.

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Remembrance Day ceremony a success

LEGION BR. 129

News

Anne McKay

We can now look back on a very successful Remembrance Service and Parade. The weather cooperated too. Many thanks to all who participated in the poppy campaign.

The honours and awards dinner took place that evening served by the Cadets, who played an exceptional part in the parade looking very smart. Congratulations to all who were presented with awards. Deputy Zone Commander Don McCumber and his wife were present. Comrade Don gave a speech reminding us of our duty to branch and the community. One hundred and twenty-six attended the dinner.

November 21, 90 people attended the Seniors dinner and election of officers. President and co-president are Percy and Jean McBain at 286-3247. Treasurer and membership are Jack and Audrey Hewitt. The next meeting and dinner will be

on Thursday, January 16.

Jean Fletcher would like to thank all who gave of their time during 1996 and wishes the new executive a successful year.

DVA officer will be at the branch on December 4. Service office Tiia Billings will make an appointment for anyone who wishes an interview. Call 457-2733 during the day and 457-2462 at night.

The Ladies Auxiliary gave a generous donation of \$5000 to the branch to install a new commercial double door system for the front entrance. Any money left over will be used to refurbish the window trim on the front of the building. L.A. president, Comrade Nina Chambers, presented the cheque during the eleventh November dinner.

Coming activities: November 28 - Executive meeting; November 29 - Cadets Christmas Dinner; December 5 - General Meeting; December 6 - Meat Draw for turkeys, hams and roasts, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.; December 11 - \$1000 Bingo; December 14 - Ham and Turkey Roll; December 14 & 15 - The Great Late Craft and Bake Sale;

December 16 - Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party; December 31 - New Year's Eve Party; Club Room entertainment December 7 - Kidd Kountry and December

14 - Karaoke. All usual sports and activities will be as usual. January 1 - Executive Meeting.

No branch general meetings will take place in January or

February. We take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

The next report will be in March 1997.



COMPUTER GRADUATES: Students in a five-week computer course offered by Clarke College and sponsored by Human Resources Development Canada graduated recently. Pictured are, front, from left Laurie Smith, Rose Woolacott, Ethel Muli, Margaret Ramkema, back, from left, Jane Selbie, from the Employment Services Centre, Betty Hewitt, Karin Kleer, Diana Williams, Joyce Chippure of Clarke College, and instructor Eric Lilius.

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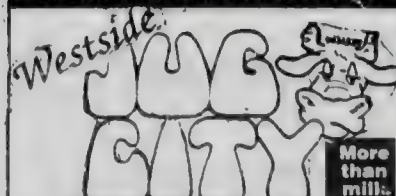
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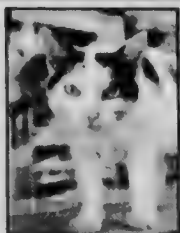
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prayed; for the visits, cards, gifts,
good wishes and phone calls
from my family and friends; to
the nurses and staff of St.
Joseph's Hospital; to Dr. Karl
Hartwick and Dr. David Boyle
and the Rev. Christopher
Greaves; and to my husband
Bernie for his daily visits and
support. God bless you all, **Elsie**
Lewis.

DEAR FRIENDS - I cannot be-
gin to express how I feel after
the honour bestowed on me on
November 15th. It makes me
feel very humble and also ap-
preciative of all the wonderful
friends I have in the whole coun-
ty. Without all your support over
the years I wouldn't be able to
live such a happy and fulfilling
life. I wish to thank you all for
your generosity and kindness in
making the day so special for
me. So many of you worked be-
hind the scenes to bring this cel-
ebration about and I thank you
but I would like to mention my
dancing friends, Jean and
Dorothy, who brought it all to-
gether. God has been good to
me and blessed me in so many
ways. Thank you all so much,
Mary Packard.

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because of Keith's health it
was to be. Special thanks to the
staff of the medical centre, hos-
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Conway. Merry Christmas and
a healthy Happy New Year.
Yours truly, **"The Wingers".**

340 BIRTHS

JOHNSON - Robert & Char-
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child,

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390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST

**Suddenly at Hyland Crest
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MARY McKELVEY
In her 76th year.**

Beloved wife of the late Harold McKelvey, dear mother of Max and his wife Mary, Frank and his wife Barb, Pearl and her late husband Arnold Cowen, Vera and her husband Ron Smith, Irma and her husband Don Pasquino, Nancy and her husband Jim Ackerblade. Loving grandmother of 21 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Dear sister of Ellen Alton, Gordon Kent, Calvin Kent and predeceased by Earl, Lorne, Charlie, Audrey, Phrona, Minnie and George. Fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Rested at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday. Funeral Service was held in the chapel on Friday, November 22nd at 1:30 p.m. Interment Minden Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Hyland Crest Residents Fund would be appreciated. CA

400 IN MEMORIAM

CARNOCHAN - In loving memory of my dad, Bob Carnochan, who passed away November 26, 1995. An understanding heart With ties that bind; We miss you, Dad You were one of a kind. Forever missed by daughter, **Lynda and family.**

HANCOCK, JODIE LEEANN - In loving memory of a dear Granddaughter who passed away suddenly November 25, 1991. Our minds see your face and we're lonely, Our hearts feel your loss and we cry, Sometimes the pain is unbearable, So many times we ask why; Many good times we had together, We'll cherish them as long as we live, Your time with us ended too suddenly, You had so much more to give; God took your hand, we had to part, He eased your pain but broke our hearts, If we could have our dream come true, We'd pray for yesterday and you. Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by your Grandmother **Margaret Hancock.**

400 IN MEMORIAM

HUGHES - In memory of Shirley Hughes, who passed away November 27, 1990, loving mother and grandmother. Sadly missed along life's way. Quietly remembered every day. No longer in our life to share, But in our hearts she's always there. Every morning we wake up, And look up at the sky, We always try to find her face, In the clouds so high. Every day we wish once more, That we could at least say goodbye. Loved and missed forever, **Joanne and Kirk Harrison and family.** CA

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400 IN MEMORIAM

NEVILLE - In loving memory of my dear nephew, Garnet Neville, who passed away December 3, 1993. Down the path of memories, We gently tread today. For our loving thoughts are with you, As life goes on its way. Always remembered and loved by **Aunt Bea, Uncle Bill and cousins.**

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Hughes scored the other one. Great game.

* The Coffee House that the HHSS Literary Society hosted on November 20 was well done. Those who went enjoyed the refreshments, readings and atmosphere. It is not yet certain when the next meeting will be.

* The Midget Boys Basketball team played against the Bancroft Huskies at JDHES. After the first half, the Redmen had an 11 point lead. They kept playing hard, and came out of a strong fourth quarter with the score 60-44 for the Redmen. Special congratulations to Drew Adamson, Jeff Parish, Nick Cochrane, and Gord McDougall.

*The Junior Basketball team was already heading for victory over Bancroft when at the three quarters mark, someone pulled the fire alarm, and the game ended. The score was 63-26 for HHSS.

* Redmen Hockey Team defeated the Kenner Rams 3-1. Ashley Walker made many great saves in net. There was a solid defense and forward plays. Kenny Ablett scored two of the three goals, and Mark

* ELM started off last Thursday with a meeting for interested students. There have also been visitors who have come to learn about the program, and they are very enthusiastic about it according to Mr. Mowat who runs the program.

One thing new this year is that there may be Grade 2 students coming in the first week of May during Education Week.

* The Science & Technology club is now working with a robotic arm. The students are trying to learn how to use it effectively. The robotics arm is computer controlled, and it has a rubber pad. If an object is placed on the rubber pad then the arm should recognize where it is.

The club is also making go carts that will be powered electrically.

The Science & Technology club is going to the Science Centre on December 13.

* Don't forget that the first issue of "Speaking Loudly", the new HHSS school newspaper, is coming out on December second. Keep your eye out for it.

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Cut off date is December 15

Clothing collected for those in need

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News

Sheila Lake
454-2314

The Victoria County Recycling Committee have been collecting gently used clothing and shoes, to be given to those in need of such items for the cold months ahead. Royel Paving has supplied a truck to pick up the items in a blue bag or a clear bag that is clearly marked for pickup, and have made pickups in a large area as far as Pontypool and Omeme.

Gordon and Joyce Kay and Rev. Ross Fogwell and his mother, visited with the Kay's family. Rob and Marilyn Bennett and the twins, at Trent River recently.

Sympathy goes out to

the family of infant Warren Cooper, son of Tim Cooper and Marie Castleman who died at Civic Hospital in Peterborough on Nov. 5.

Sympathy also goes out to the Suggitt family in Baddow, just south of Coby. Gene Suggitt died in Wellsley hospital in Toronto on Friday, following a life long battle with Cystic Fibrosis. His parents were told he would not live to his seventh birthday, but he was 42 years old, so certainly was a testimony to the care and knowledge of medical treatment. Gene worked for Kawartha Garage, in booking appointments, and ordering parts. He retired a year or so ago, due to his illness. Gene lost several sisters and brothers with Cystic Fibrosis.

Wilbert Switzer is again back in Ross Memorial Hospital. He and Carmen Pearce have both been in and out of hospital.

We had a visit with Richard and Carol Bradimore of Oshawa, when they dropped in to Coffee Junction Coffee Shop. They were on their way to the Haliburton area to visit Carol's family.

Gordon and Joyce Kay and Rev. Fogwell and his mother, journeyed to Trent River last week, where they visited Rob and Marilyn Bennett and the twins.

I was saddened to learn that Daisy Valentine died at Sault Ste. Marie on Sunday Nov. 3. Daisy and her husband Duncan lived

at Norland for many years, then later went to Sault Ste. Marie where their son's Ian and Richard lived. Daisy was a dear friend and we sympathize with her family in their loss.

Former residents just south of Coby Bob and Pat Westcott, who have been living at Cambray, lost everything in a fire there recently. If you have any donations, send to or leave with Jim and Sherri Westcott or Top Notch Dog Grooming. Money can be left at Laurentian Bank in Lindsay - Mariposa Credit Union in Little Britain or any C.I.B.C. bank in Victoria County.

The regular Horticulture Society meeting was held in the Anglican church hall, on Mon. night. Oct. 28 with a good attendance.

Lavern Sisson and Frank Weaver have worked hard on caring for the benches and after some discussion, Mr. Sisson said he will paint benches in the spring.

Some landscaping with flower beds has started at Ridgewood school. Mrs. Featherstone has talked to Joyce Thompson with some good ideas re what should be planted. If she can, hopefully, she can come to the January meeting and talk about her plan, and how Coby Horticulture can help.

A nominating committee was chosen to elect new officers. They are Pam Burgoyne, Sheila Lake and Peggy Pratt.

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FORGET
THE
SANTA
CLAUS
PARADE
ON DEC. 7
AT 1:30
P.M. IN
HALI-
BURTON



**The HALIBURTON LIONS CLUB
float, in co-operation with
THE HALIBURTON COUNTY ECHO,
will be collecting non-perishable
food for the 4Cs.**

Food will be collected by Lions members along the parade route and a box will be placed near Santa after the parade. Santa will be meeting with children inside at the Dawson Gray building (at the spot formerly occupied by The Kitchen Shop.) Santa's elves will also be there to capture the moment on camera.

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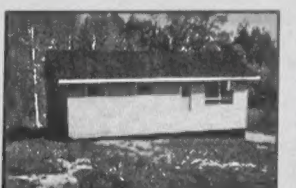
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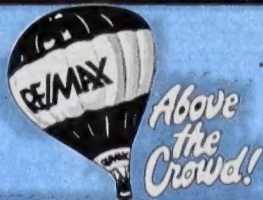
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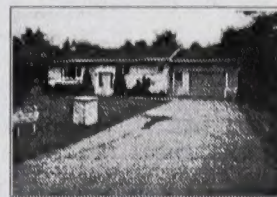
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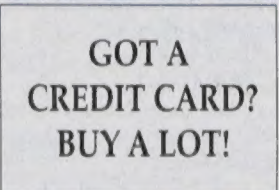
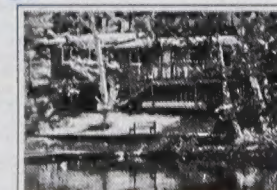
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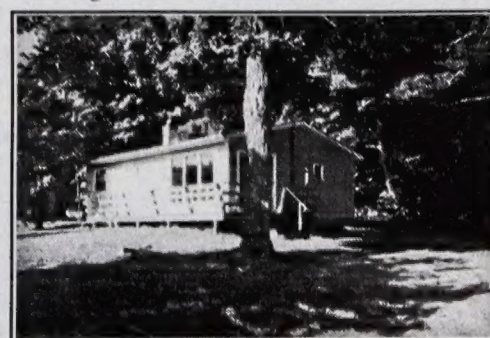
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